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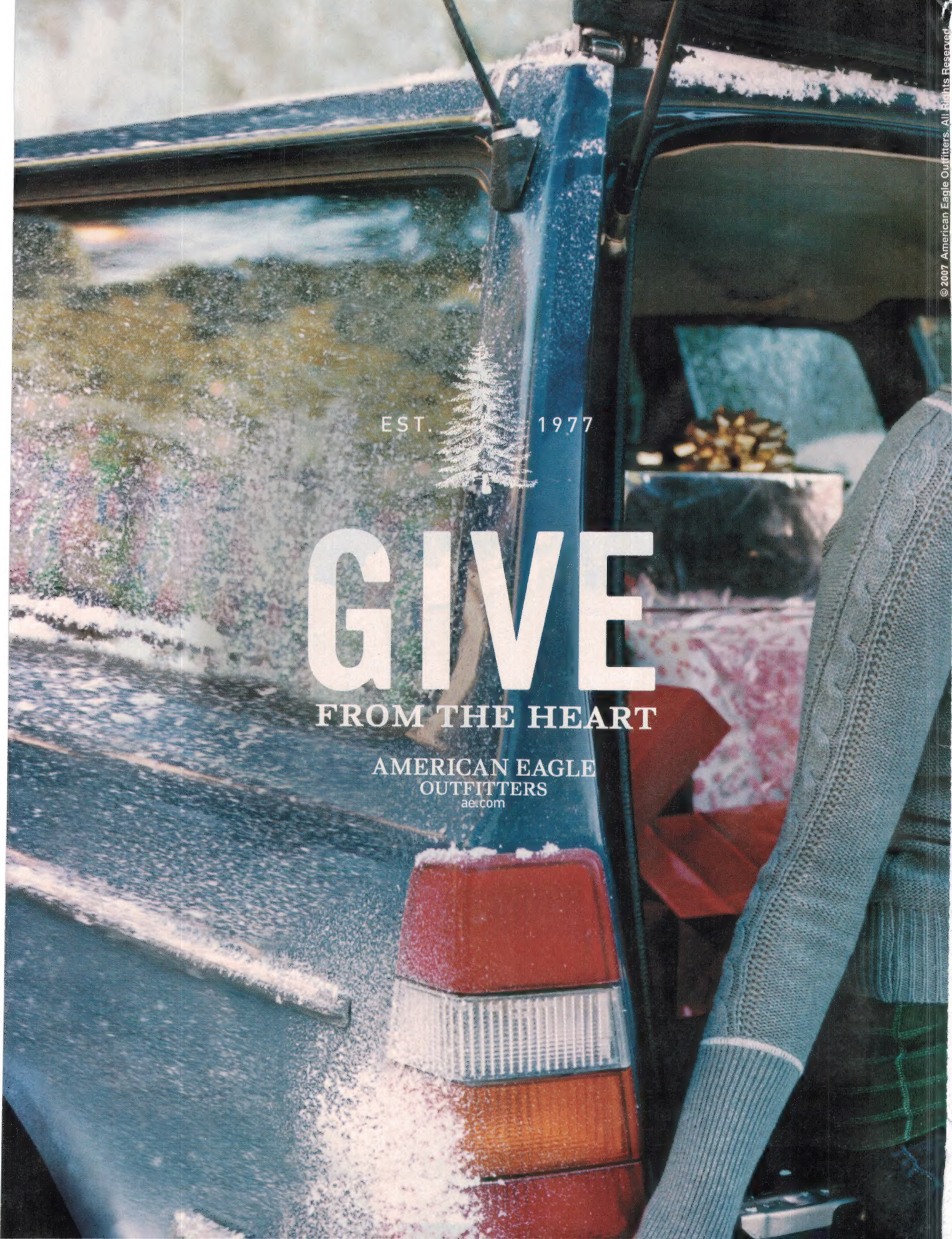

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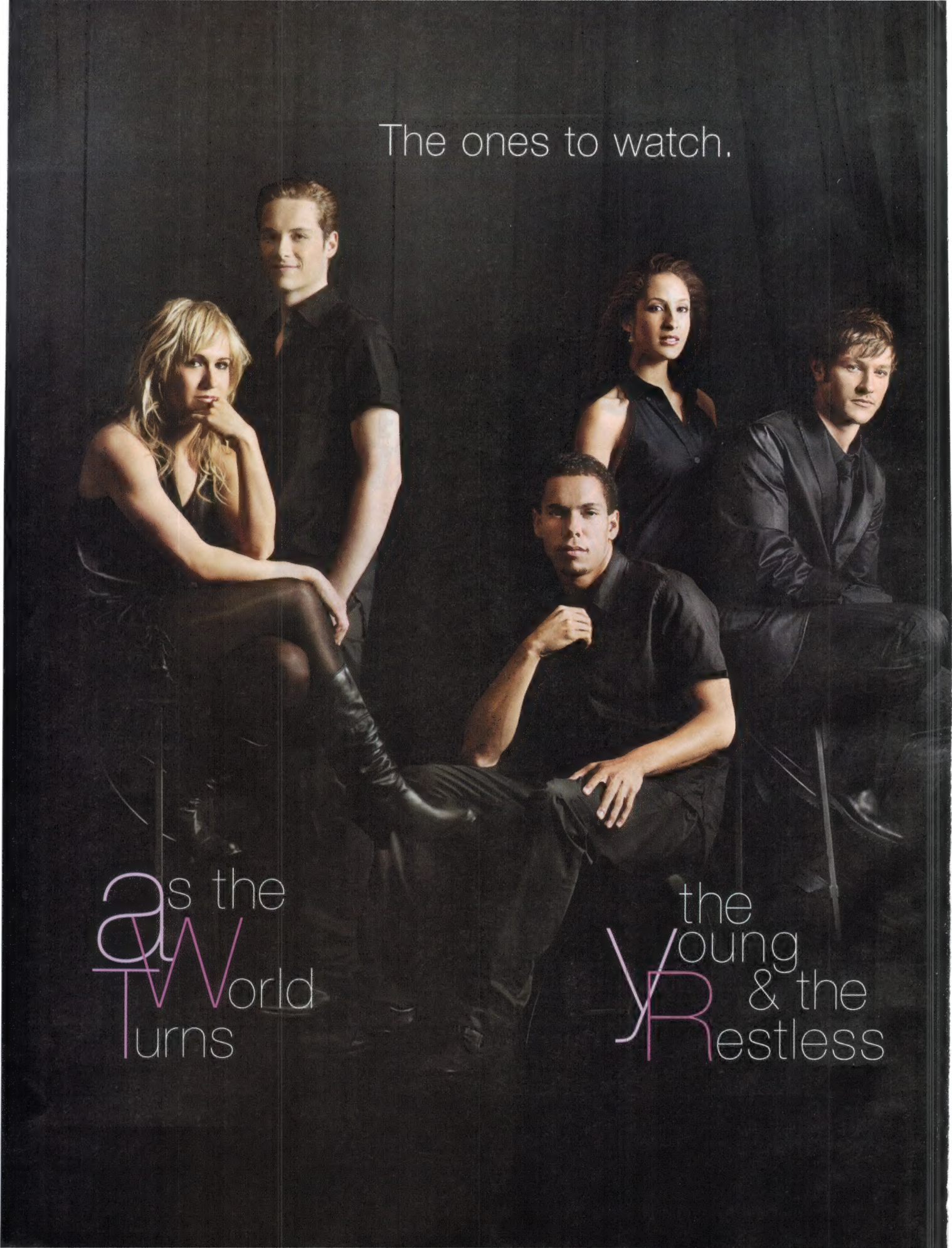
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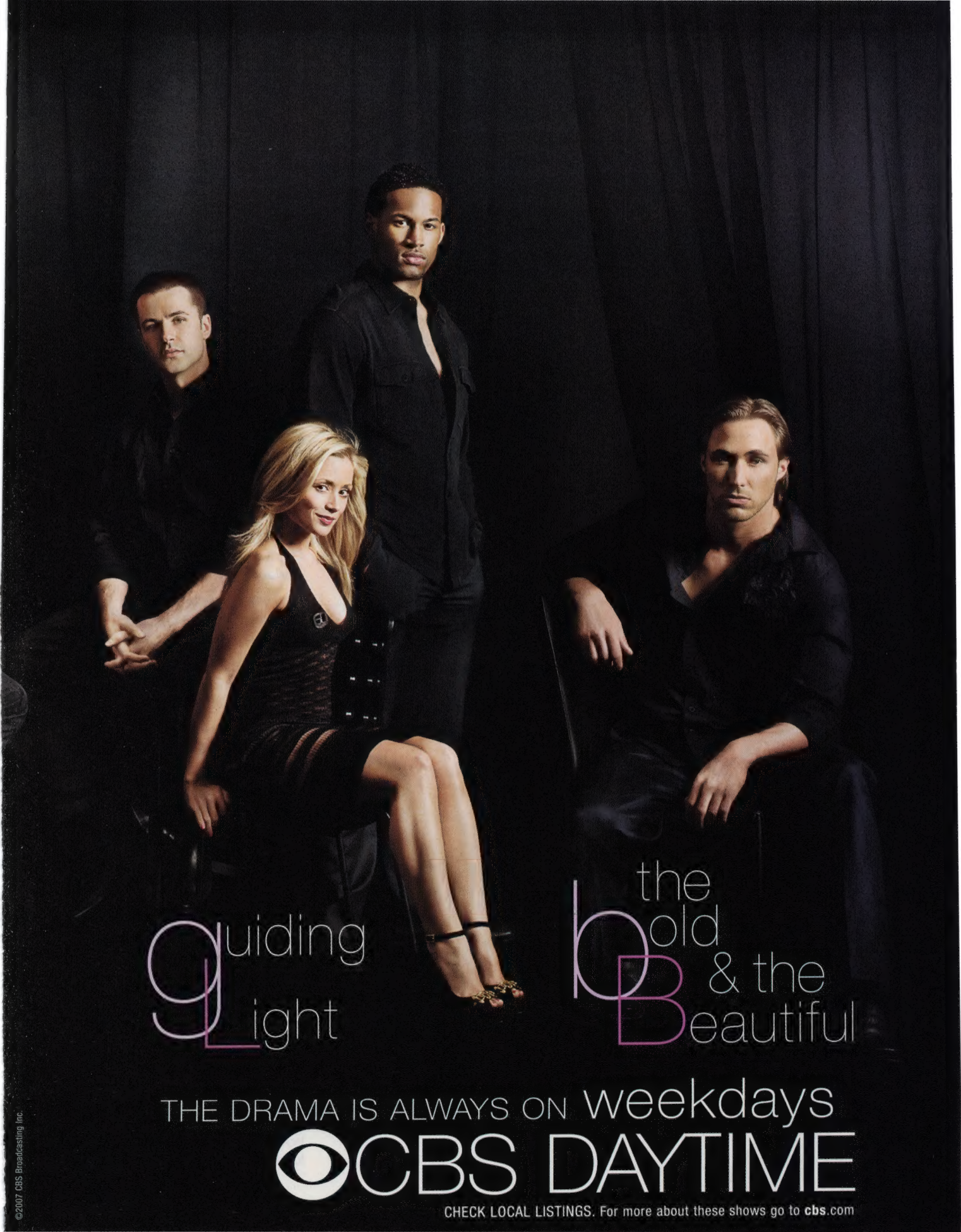
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EMILY & SARAH Download music and chat with friends

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EMILY Independent
SARAH Hip-hop

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EMILY I don't use shorthand
SARAH LOL

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EMILY & SARAH Starting the Olivia's Letters campaign

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To learn even more about Sarah and Emily's digital world and interact with their digital strands, check out **cosmogirl.com/digitalworld** and stay tuned for exclusive photos and feedback from the girls about their experience at CosmoGIRL!'s Born to Lead Awards event in New York City!

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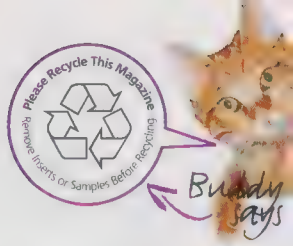

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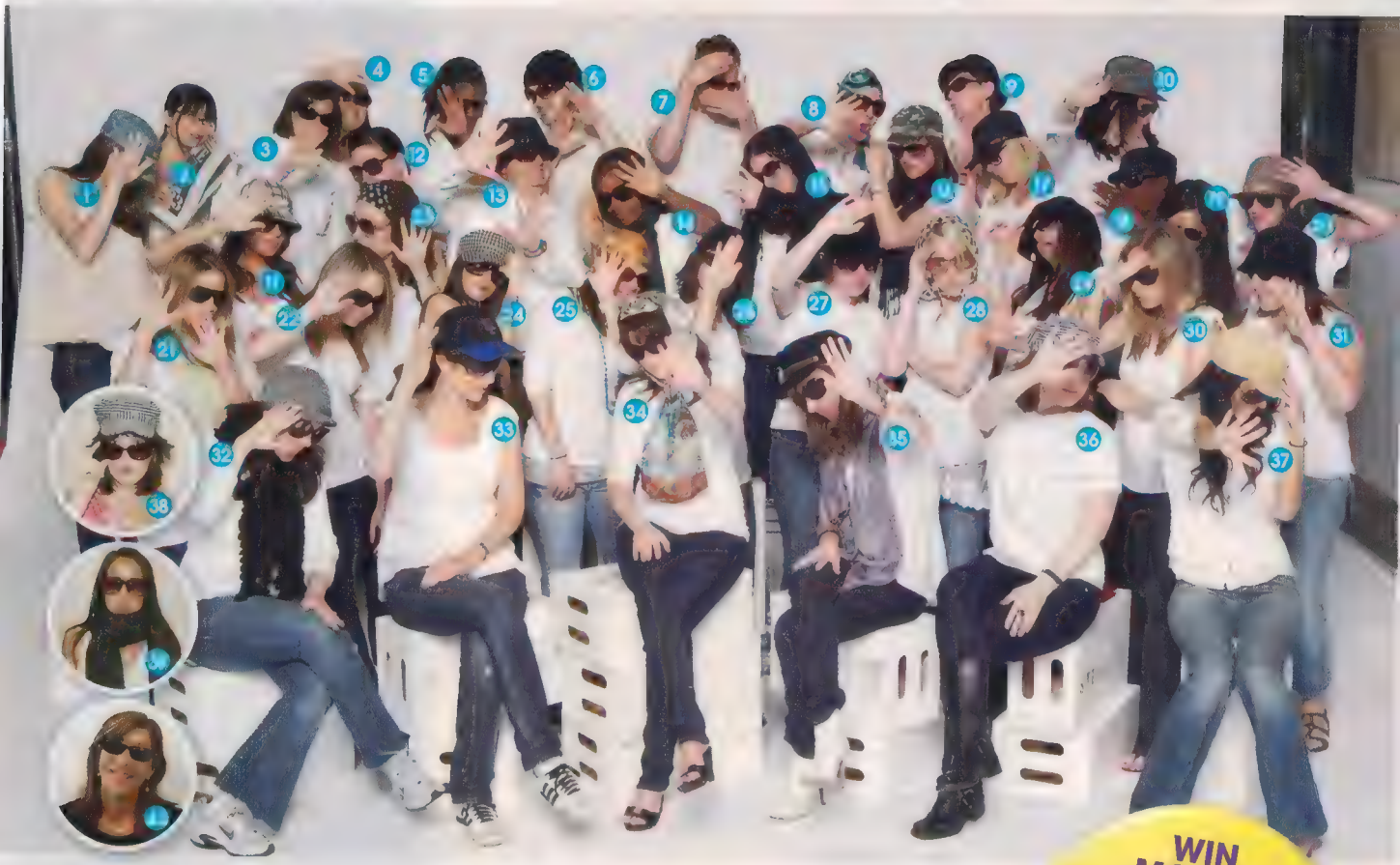

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Susan

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Tara Suri is definitely a girl who hasn't lost *hope*. When she learned that baby girls were being abandoned, she took action. She vowed to help children in India get the opportunity for a better life and an education.

At age 13, Tara founded Helping Orphans Pursue Education (H.O.P.E.), an organization designed to help orphaned girls and boys have the opportunity to receive an education and follow their dreams. Tara has raised over $15,000 for H.O.P.E. to date, and has helped orphaned children around the world live better lives. And that's beautiful.

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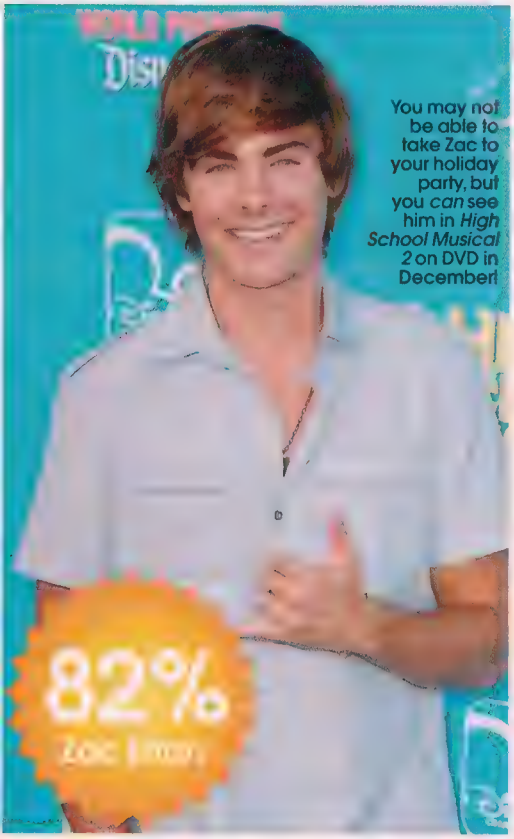
We asked which of these celebs you'd want to meet under the mistletoe for a New Year's Eve kiss. Can you think of a *better* way to ring in 2008? We didn't think so!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Zac Efron

10%
Shia LaBeouf
Now that Shia is done filming *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, he may have time for a li'l make-out action!

6%
Chris Brown
Chris must have been thinking about a steamy lip-locking session when he wrote "Kiss Kiss" for his album *Exclusive*!

2%
Penn Badgley
On *Gossip Girl*, Penn plays a shy guy who doesn't usually make the first move. But to that you say, "No problem, Penn baby!"

HOT TOPIC: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT CELEBS TAKING NUDE PICS OF THEMSELVES?

"Celebs should know that if they take a nude picture or video, it'll show up on the Internet. I've known girls who've 'made mistakes'—their naked pics were sent to half the student body. I don't enjoy looking at pictures of naked celebs, but everyone loves a scandal! If they're stupid enough to commit the crime, they should do the time." —Sara, 19, Oak Lawn, IL

"Stars shouldn't be punished for making a mistake. It's horrible that Vanessa Hudgens, for example, went through that humiliation. People think celebs aren't real people just because they live like gods. The more you have, the more vulnerable you are." **—Danielle, 16, St. Louis, MO**

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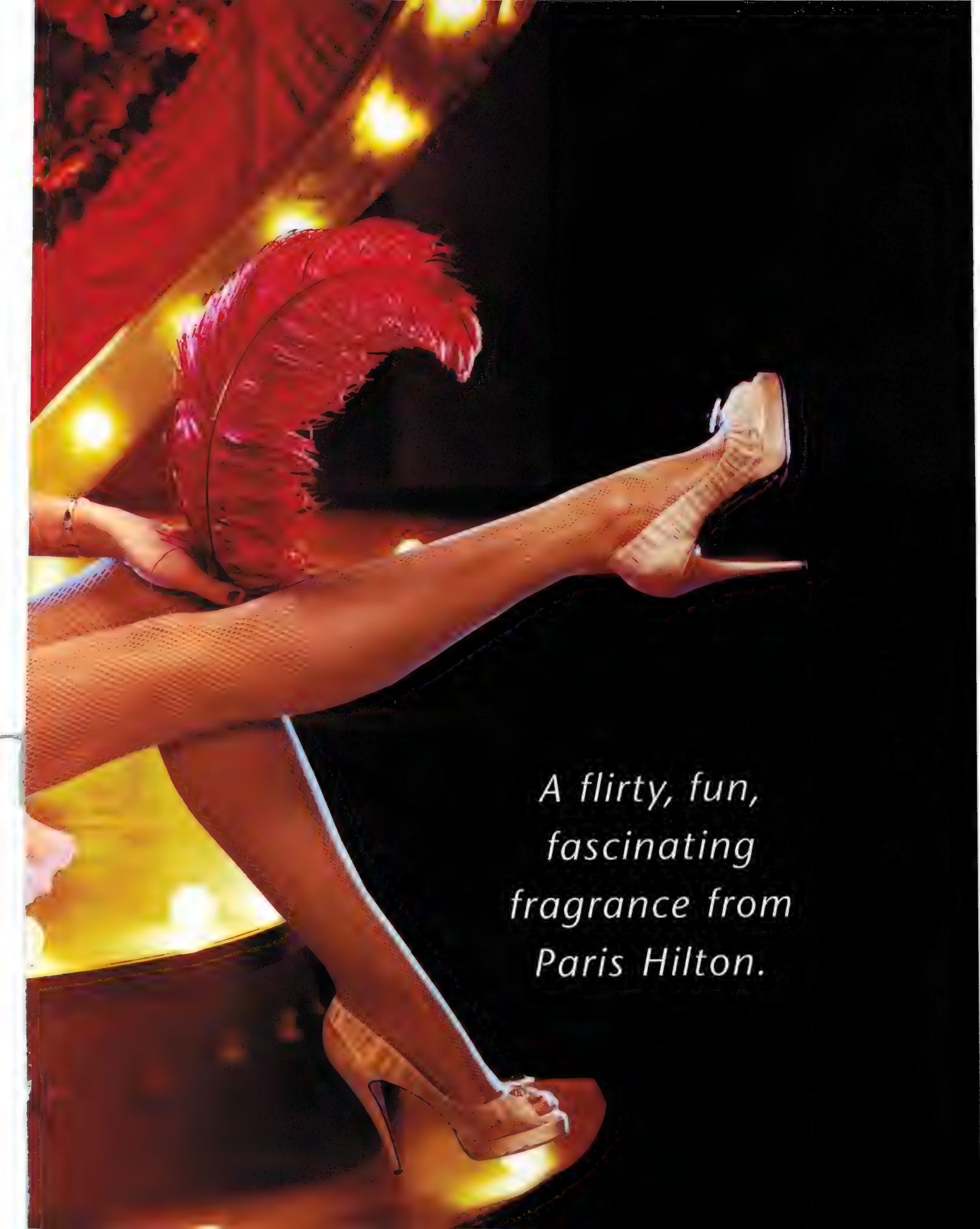
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1 — Three will win this dress from **A.B.S. by Allen Schwartz.** ivory

2 — Four will win this dress from **Mon Petit Oiseau.** lace

3 — Two readers will win this tube dress from **Hot Kiss.** rhinestone

4 — Two will score this top and skirt from **JCPenney.** princess

5 — One girl will win this dress from **JCPenney.** fun

6 — Two CGIs will win this dress from **JCPenney.** royal

7 — Two girls will score this dress from **Johnny Martin.** strapless

8 — Two CGIs will score this dress from **Deb.** party

PARTY TIME!

9 — One CGI will score these gold shoes from **Aldo.** glow

10 — One reader will win these sexy stilettos from **Bakers.** silver

11 — Three girls will win these satin shoes from **Mia.** pumps

12 — Three will score these wedges from **Matt Bernson.** shimmer

13 — Two girls will win these patent leather pumps from **JCPenney.** black

14 — Four will win these shoes from **Michael Antonio.** strappy

15 — One CGI will win these sling-backs from **Nina.** slipper

16 — Three CGIs will win this wristlet from **Bolzano Handbags.** purse

17 — Two readers will win this satchel from **Charm and Luck.** carry

18 — Two will win this purse from **Chinese Laundry Handbags.** buckle

19 — Three will win this clutch from **Gabriella Giovanni.** sparkle

20 — Three will win this black clutch from **Guess by Marciano.** logo

21 — Two readers will win this gold clutch from **Rebecca Ciccio.** gold

22 — Two will win this silver clutch from **Antoinette Lee Designs.** snake

Three will win this **Lia Sophia** ring. gem

Three will win this **Top Floor** necklace. shine

25 — Five will win three necklaces from **Jessica Simpson.** pendant

26 — Three will win this set of bangles from **K+K Creative.** jewels

27 — Five will win a **Claire's** necklace, bracelet, and earrings. bling

28 — Two will win this necklace by **Gemma Redux.** ice

29 — Three will win this bracelet and a necklace from **Rimistyle.com.** charm

30 — Three will win earrings from **Laura J. Designs.** dangle

31 — One will win this bracelet from **GlamRock.** luck

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BRAVE THE COLD! Whether you're black diamond–bound or just making snow angels, these prizes will keep you warm and toasty. Go to **cosmogirl.com/wintoday** every day and type in the code word (in **red**) to enter!

1 — Three CGIs will win these boots from **Timberland.** hike

2 — Two girls will win these boots from **Emu.** comfy

3 — Four CGIs will win these boots from **Hunter.** rain

4 — Four readers will win these boots from **Tecnica USA.** laces

5 — Two CGIs will win these boots from **Skechers.** winter

6 — One girl will win this sweater from **Hurley.** stripes

7 — One CGI will win a sweater from **Rip Curl.** soft

8 — Three CGIs will score this sweatshirt from **Sean John.** sequin

9 — Three readers will win this cardigan from **Split.** sweater

10 — Two lucky girls will win this sweater from **Volcom.** layers

11 — One girl will win this sweater from **Sport Obermeyer.** hood

12 — Five CGIs will win this sweater from **O'Neill.** buttons

PLAY TIME!

13 — One CGI will win a pair of Missconduct skis from **K2 Skis.** slope

14 — One will win a Feelgood snowboard from **Burton.** powder

15 — One will score a GTwin snowboard from **Burton.** mountain

16 — Two CGIs will win these snowshoes from **Atlas.** snow

17 — One will win the Va Va Voom snowboard from **K2 Snowboarding.** ride

18 — One will score the Mix from **K2 Snowboarding.** freestyle

19 — One CGI will win a pair of Missconduct skis from **K2 Skis.** mogul

20 — Two will win a beanie, scarf, and gloves set from **Rip Curl.** cozy

21 — Four will win this **United Colors of Benetton** hat and scarf. bright

22 — Five will win a hat and scarf from **Hat Attack.** yellow

23 — Two CGIs will win this hat and gloves from **Dakine.** skull

24 — Five will win a beanie, scarf, and gloves from **O'Neill.** warm

25 — Three will win a hat, scarf, and gloves from **V. Frass.** chill

26 — Two will win arm warmers and a beanie from **Volcom.** cold

27 — Three readers will win this jacket from **Aéropostale.** plaid

28 — Three will score a varsity jacket from **Akademiks.** sporty

29 — Three CGIs will win this jacket from **Matix.** furry

30 — Three readers will win this jacket from **Southpole.** puffer

31 — One will win this jacket from **Nils.** windy

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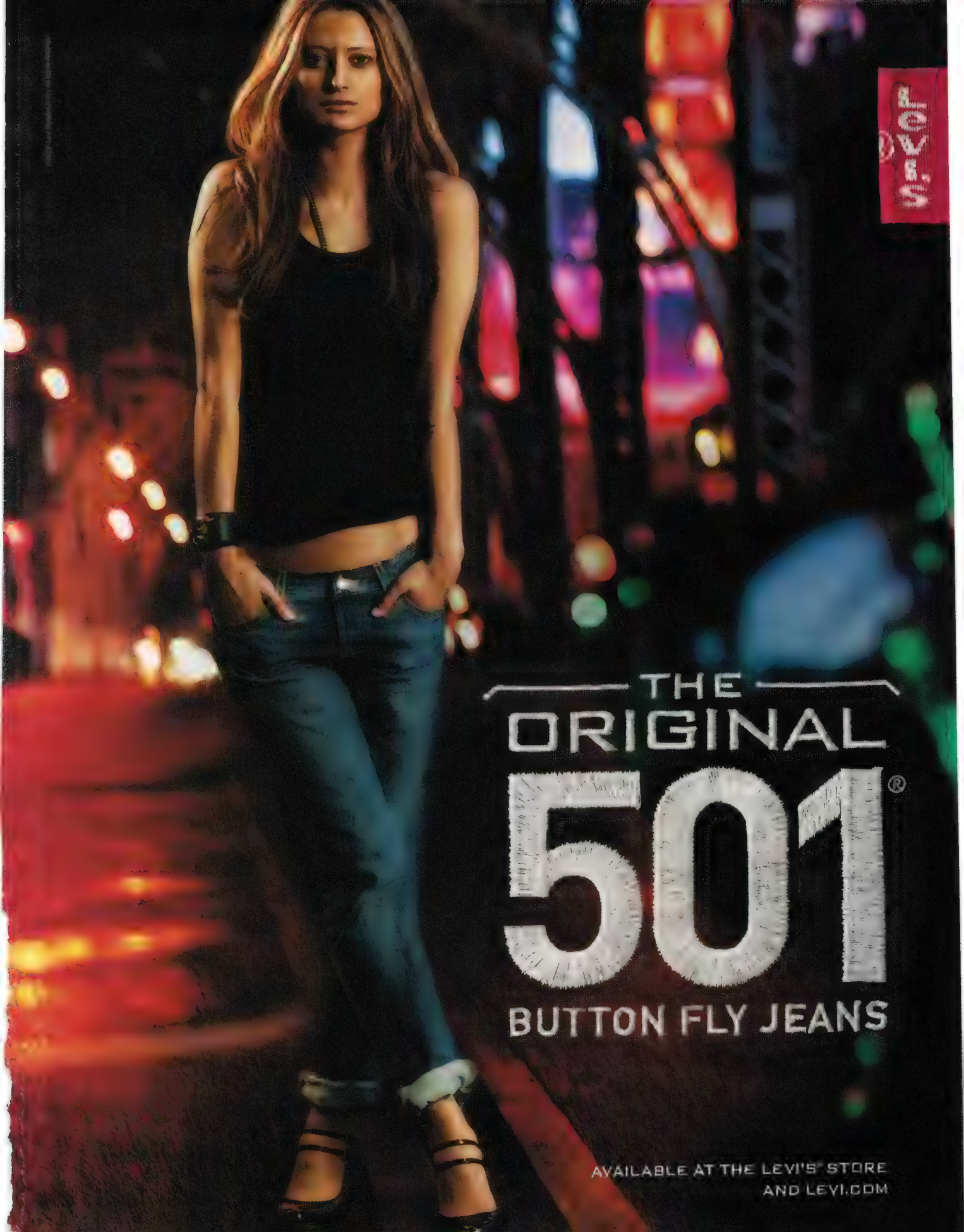
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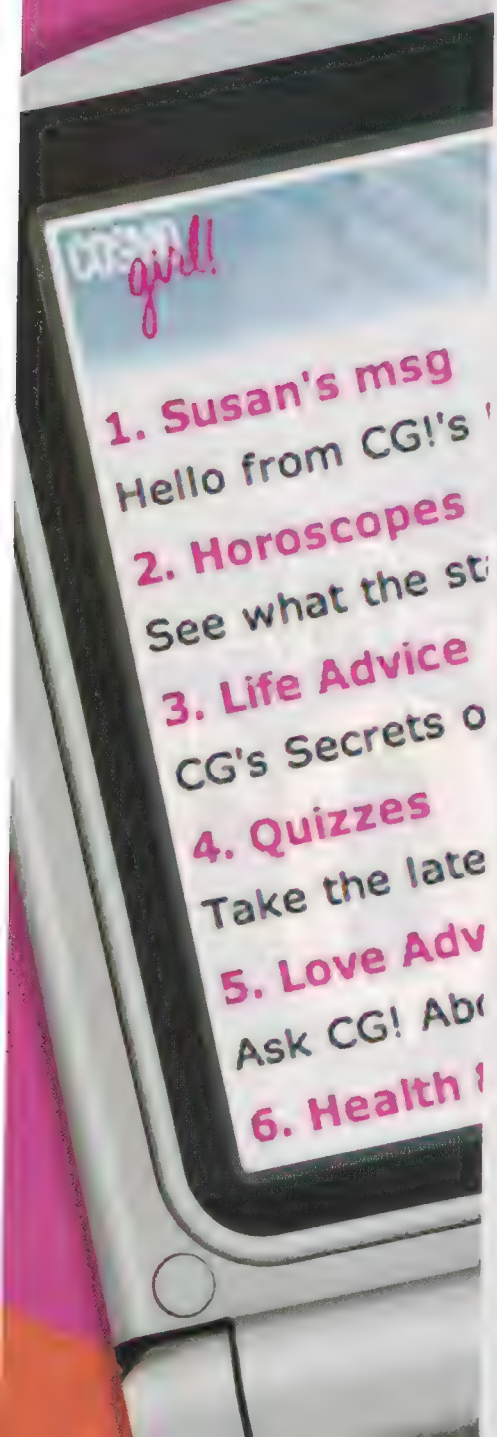

"No matter what I put on, I have to find a way to make it *me!*" For more on Ashlee, turn to page 104.

ashlee's favorite things

What must-haves does this month's CG! cover girl crave? Find out!

♥ **Favorite dessert:** "I love red velvet cake. I made one the other night. I'm not that great of a baker yet, but I'm learning."

♥ **Favorite Starbucks order:** "Double espresso with soy milk on ice in the morning."

♥ **Favorite book:** *Eat Pray Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert

♥ **Favorite designer labels:** "I've always loved YSL, but I also recently discovered Tsumori Chisato."

♥ **Favorite fall fashion:** "Big, warm sweaters, lots of layers, and scarves."

♥ **Favorite store:** "Maxfield (in West Hollywood). They have great candles there."

♥ **Store with the best deals:** What Comes Around Goes Around (in New York City)

♥ **Favorite beauty product:** Dior Diorshow mascara (*left*, in black, $23, sephora.com)

WHAT SHE'S WEARING ABOVE: Gold dress, vintage; Gold hoop earrings, Curve; Gold cuff, Curve; Blue ring, Kaviar and Kind.

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"In *Strange Wilderness*, Jonah (Hill, *right*) and I ad-libbed whatever we wanted!" says Justin (*center*).

justin long at 9 a.m.

He may be best known as the "Mac Guy," but—*shhh!*—don't trust him with your gadgets.

CosmoGIRL!: Hey, Justin! What are you up to this morning?
Justin Long: I just flew home to L.A. from New York. It's not even noon and I feel like I've accomplished so much. But all I did was lie on a JetBlue plane watching the History Channel.
CG!: Do you usually get a lot done before noon?
Justin: No! I hate to admit this, but I often awake to the sound of *Wheel of Fortune* at 7 p.m. I feel so lazy saying that. But I'm a night person. I'm a gentleman of the night.
CG!: You're also the Mac Guy! Are you a big techie?
Justin: Actually, my friends make fun of me because I'm clueless about technical things. In fact, when we were shooting the iPhone commercial, John Hodgman, who plays the PC, taught me how to use it between takes. The irony of the PC teaching the Mac how to use the iPhone was not lost!
CG!: Hilarious! And now you're going to be a chipmunk, right?
Justin: Yeah, in *Alvin and the Chipmunks*. Originally, they wanted me to play Simon because I have more of a deep, nerdy, nasally voice. But it's like, if you're playing basketball, Horace Grant and Dennis Rodman are great, but you want to be Michael Jordan. So I read for Alvin—and I got it!
CG!: Have you ever had a chipmunk encounter in real life?
Justin: No, but I once befriended a squirrel. He'd walk into my apartment and get awkwardly close. He'd eat food from my hand—I think he was rabid. It's like that with people too. If they break that social barrier, they just might be a little crazy!
CG!: We hear you got pretty close to Jonah Hill when you guys were filming *Strange Wilderness*. Care to share?
Justin: We were roommates, and we'd get into domestic husband-and-wife-like squabbles. He'd insist you could recycle *everything*—I'd find turkey legs in the recycling bin! My dog, Moose, didn't make life easy either. He'd hump our arms when we were watching TV. If Jonah's reading this, which I'm sure he is because he subscribes to CosmoGIRL!, I retroactively apologize for Moose's behavior! —*Rachel Chang*

STRANGE WILDERNESS: DARREN MICHAELS.

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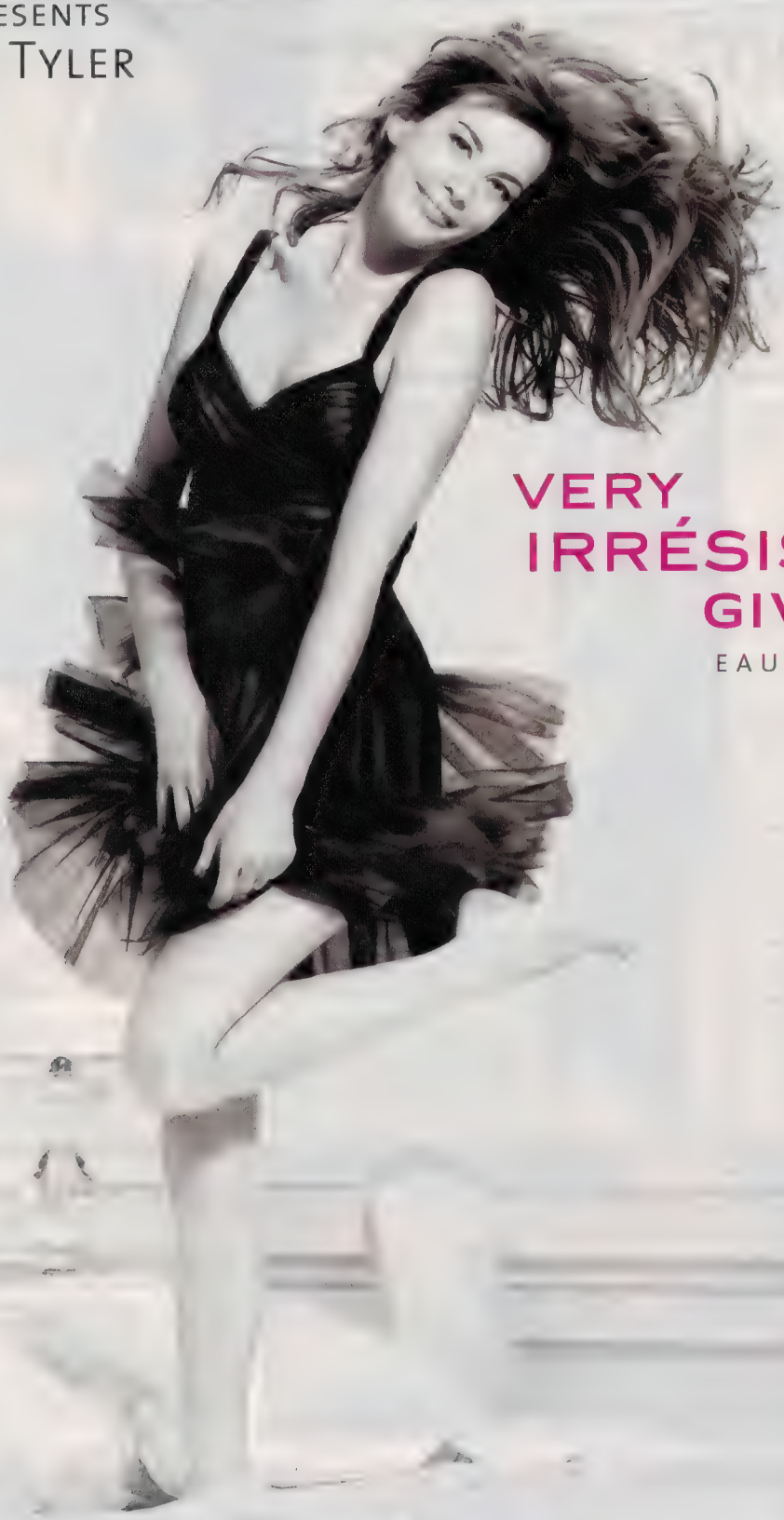

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2007: *rewind!*

We saw it all, but some of it we *still* can't believe! Faux hawks, naked sweeties, and...bespectacled rodents? Here's to the crazy year that was!

ATTACK OF THE DISNEY STARS

ZAC EFRON *HSM* turned him into a locker pinup. Now, after last summer's double dose of Zac (*HSM2* and *Hairspray*), he's a full-fledged movie star.

MILEY CYRUS Hannah Montana is used to being a superstar. Now Miley herself knows what that's like. This year, the 15-year-old's Hannah/Miley album went platinum...*twice*.

SHIA LABEOUF The former *Even Stevens* goofball showed Hollywood he's a force to be reckoned with, releasing a trio of box office hits: *Surf's Up*, *Disturbia*, and *Transformers*.

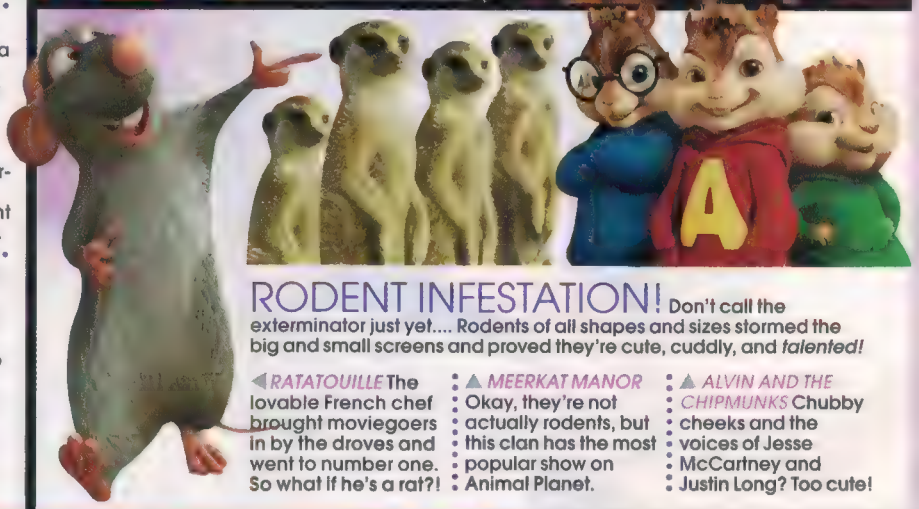
ENGLISH MUFFINS!

Hot Brits were all *over* the scene. DAVID BECKHAM joined the L.A. Galaxy; VICTORIA got a TV special. The SPICE GIRLS reunited, LILY ALLEN and AMY WINEHOUSE rocked the radio, and Princes WILLIAM and HARRY held a concert for their mum!

BATTLE OF *THE HILLS*

Former BFFs LAUREN CONRAD and HEIDI MONTAG got in such a tiff, they refused to shoot scenes together for season three. Didn't that happen with *The Simple Life 2*?

WILL THEY KISS AND MAKE UP LIKE PARIS AND NICOLE?



RODENT INFESTATION!

Don't call the exterminator just yet.... Rodents of all shapes and sizes stormed the big and small screens and proved they're cute, cuddly, and *talented!*

◀ *RATATOUILLE* The lovable French chef brought moviegoers in by the droves and went to number one. So what if he's a rat?!

▲ *MEERKAT MANOR* Okay, they're not actually rodents, but this clan has the most popular show on Animal Planet.

▲ *ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS* Chubby cheeks and the voices of Jesse McCartney and Justin Long? Too cute!

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS

LONG LIVE HARRY POTTER

When J.K. Rowling dropped a hint last year that two major characters would die in the final installment, the big question sweeping the globe was: Will Harry die? Potterheads worldwide lined up at midnight on July 21 to find out—and were relieved that the "boy who lived" does indeed live on. (That's no spoiler—if you're a Potter fan at all, you definitely already knew that!)

LOOKING TOWARD '08

HOW CAN WE TOP THIS PAST YEAR? HOLLYWOOD IS SURE GOING TO TRY! HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK AT THE BIG SCREEN SEQUELS, HOT NEW MOVIES, AND TV FILMS THAT TINSELTOWN IS BUZZING ABOUT FOR '08.

MORE JUDD APATOW! The guy behind *Superbad* and *Knocked Up* has more films coming. Look for *Drillbit Taylor* with Josh Peck and *Pineapple Express* with Seth Rogen. You'll be laughing your way to '09!

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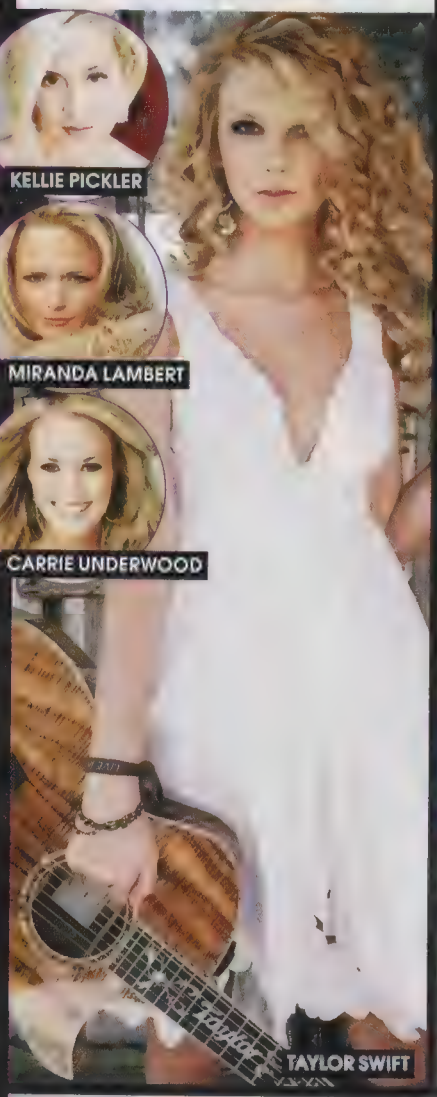
COUNTRY SWEEPS THE COUNTRY

Look out, Shania—a new generation of country gals has stormed onto the scene. CARRIE UNDERWOOD's songs crossed over to pop radio. TAYLOR SWIFT had more than 25 million plays on her MySpace page. KELLIE PICKLER's record went gold, and MIRANDA LAMBERT got a Grammy nom. (Secret weapon: gorgeous blond locks!)

KELLIE PICKLER

MIRANDA LAMBERT

CARRIE UNDERWOOD



TAYLOR SWIFT

HOT JOCK BOYFRIENDS

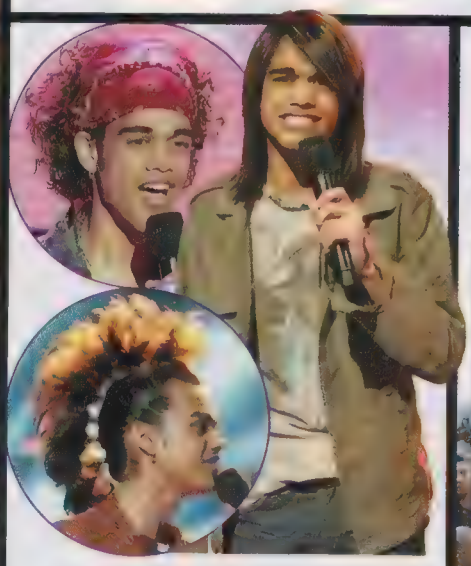
Hollywood starlets ventured outside their normal dating circles and landed some of the sexiest athletes around. Think it's the uniforms—or those bulging biceps?

▲ GISELE BÜNDCHEN and TOM BRADY Gisele met smokin' hot quarterback Tom by the New England Patriots' locker room, and was instantly smitten. Touchdown!

▲ HILARY DUFF and MIKE COMRIE Hil is staying away from musicians but still likes her guys a bit older. The New York Islanders hockey player is seven years her senior.

▲ EVA LONGORIA and TONY PARKER Eva's anything but a desperate housewife! She tied the knot with the San Antonio Spur in July. Bonus: He's French. Ooh la la!

POSH AND BECKS: THE INSPIRATION?

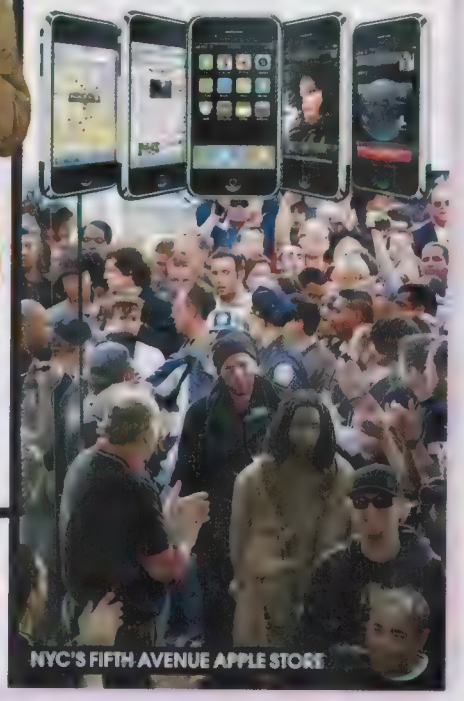


HAIR-RAISING IDOL

And the award for most pliable head of hair goes to...SANJAYA MALAKAR! From crazy curls to stick-straight—and a faux hawk?!—the *American Idol* finalist kept us glued to the TV (okay, we would've watched anyway!).

IPHONE = ICRAZE!

Thousands lined up at Apple stores across the country on June 29 to get the coveted all-in-one iPhone. In just three months, more than a million were sold. But when Apple dropped the price $200, iPhoners rioted—and won themselves Apple store credit!



NYC'S FIFTH AVENUE APPLE STORE

BANDS PLAY THE NAME GAME

This year, the unofficial motto of the music scene seemed to be, "The wilder the band name, the bigger the hit." PLAIN WHITE T'S showed there was nothing plain about them with the played-*everywhere* "Hey There Delilah." GYM CLASS HEROES had two hits with "Cupid's Chokehold" and "Clothes Off." BOYS LIKE GIRLS were a *TRL* staple with "The Great Escape." And RED JUMPSUIT APPARATUS rose up the charts with "Face Down." Next up: Plain Gym Boys Apparatus!

PICKLER, KRISTEN BARLOWE, LAMBERT, JACK GUY; UNDERWOOD, ANDREW ECCLES; SWIFT, KRISTIN BARLOWE; BÜNDCHEN, ASADORIAN/SPLASH NEWS; DUFF, FILMMAGIC; LONGORIA, GETTY IMAGES; BECKHAMS, WIREIMAGE; IPHONE CROWD, GETTY IMAGES; SANJAYA (STRAIGHT HAIR AND FAUX HAWK), GETTY IMAGES; SANJAYA BANDANA, FRANK MICELOTTA/FOX.

LOOKING FORWARD '08

SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 Alexis sucked us in with *Gilmore Girls*, Amber scared us in *The Grudge 2*, Blake is a *Gossip Girl*, and America won an Emmy for *Ugly Betty*. But we miss the jeans!

THE PAPER MTV's new reality show goes behind the scenes of the school paper at Cypress Bay High in Weston, Florida. Balancing prom dates and deadlines? Get ready for some hair-pulling!

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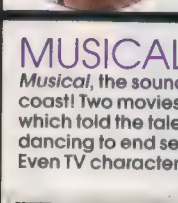
THE TIMBERLAKE TOUCH

Is there anyone Justin *didn't* work with this year? Check out the variety of music icons who got some J.T. action (not *that* kind of action, naughty girl!).

▲ MADONNA The top-secret Madge-J.T. collaboration for her new album was leaked when they were seen at a London studio.

◀ 50 CENT We're still not quite sure what "Ayo Technology" means, but a few notes of this tune and we're ready to groove!

◀ REBA MCENTIRE The pop star lent his voice to the country hit "The Only Promise That Remains." He's still a southern boy at heart!



◀ TIMBALAND Timber and Timba produced killer music together with acts ranging from Duran Duran to Nelly Furtado!

GUYS, DON'T FIGHT OVER UGLY BETTY!

REVENGE OF THE NERDS

Glasses, braces, and toothy grins...who wants a beauty when you have your pick of these heart-melting geeks?

◀ JACOB ZACHAR We officially deem this *Greek* geek our favorite new hottie in dork's clothing. Watch out, Adam Brody!

▲ MASI OKA The *Heroes* star may not be the coolest kid on the block, but there's just something about that time travel face he makes....

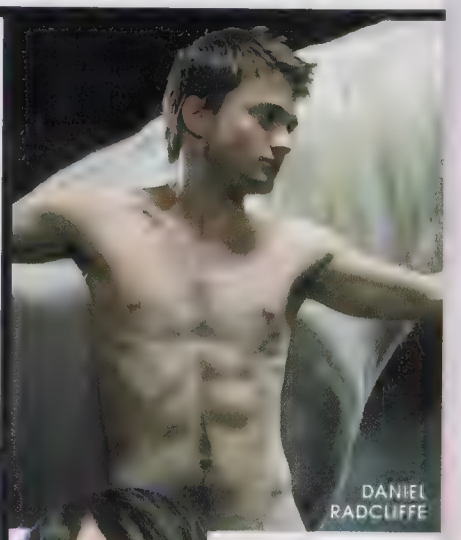
▲ ADHIR KALYAN and DAN BYRD The *Aliens in America* duo's goofy antics are exactly what make them so darn lovable!

◀ CHRISTOPHER MINTZ-PLASSE McDreamy who? We'll take a piece of *Superbad*'s so-nerdy-he's-hot McLovin' over him any day!

LAUREN GRAHAM AND ALEXIS BLEDEL

G'BYE, *GILMORE*

After seven seasons of freewheeling fast talking, the mother-daughter BFFs disappeared into television history. Rory landed her dream job as a political journalist. And are Lorelai and Luke living happily ever after? Only the crazy townfolk of Stars Hallow know for sure. How do we get a hold of Miss Patty?!



DANIEL RADCLIFFE

MUSICAL MADNESS

After the success of *Dreamgirls* and *High School Musical*, the sound of music rang loud and clear from theaters and televisions coast to coast! Two movies took us back to the 1960s—Evan Rachel Wood's *ACROSS THE UNIVERSE*, which told the tale of hippie life through Beatles songs, and Nikki Blonsky's *HAIRSPRAY*, about dancing to end segregation. Johnny Depp gave musicals an eerie twist in *SWEENEY TODD*. Even TV characters got musical on *VIVA LAUGHLIN* and *FLIGHT OF THE CONCHORDS*.

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

VANESSA HUDGENS

HILARY DUFF

SWEETIES TURN SEXY

Harry Potter's cloak really *was* invisible when star DANIEL RADCLIFFE went nude in a London stage production of *Equus*. *HSM2*'s angelic VANESSA HUDGENS got saucy when her naked photos were splashed all over the Internet. Even the classic good girl HILARY DUFF showed more skin than usual on her *Maxim* cover!

LOOKING TOWARD '08

ERIC HUTCHINSON When Perez Hilton put up a post about this unsigned singer-songwriter, his self-released album, *Sounds Like This*, hit the iTunes top five. Don't underestimate the power of Perez!

SEX AND THE CITY: THE MOVIE The four gals are back to tell even more tales of their "Big" city adventures. (*Dreamgirls* and *American Idol* alumna Jennifer Hudson plays Carrie Bradshaw's assistant!)

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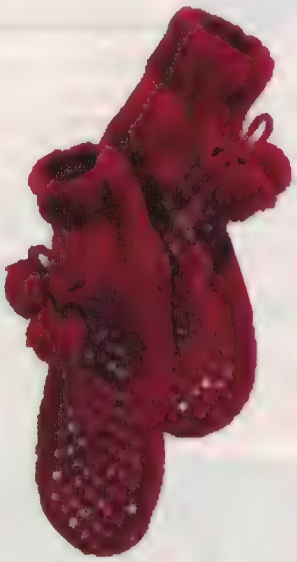

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BRANGELINA: WORLD DOMINATION

There's not much Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie haven't done this year. UN goodwill ambassador Angelina visited Iraq, Syria, and Chad. The couple donated funds to build a clinic in Sudan and homes for Katrina victims. They adopted Pax Thien from Ho Chi Minh City—and now they're talking about adding a *fifth* child. And, oh yeah, they starred in two films... *each!*

BOY BANDERS UNITE!

Think boy bands are *so* '90s? BACKSTREET BOYS (minus Kevin Richardson) flew back onto the charts with "Inconsolable," off their new CD, *Unbreakable*. Ex-'N Syncers resurfaced with new projects: JOEY FATONE with *Dancing With the Stars* and *The Singing Bee*, LANCE BASS with a book, *Out of Sync*, and CHRIS KIRKPATRICK with VH1's *Mission: Man Band*, costarring JEFF TIMMONS of 98 Degrees. Fellow 98 Degrees vet DREW LACHEY got a co-hosting gig on *Dancing With the Stars*—and MTV is finding new boys for the world-famous '80s band on *MAKING MENUDO!*

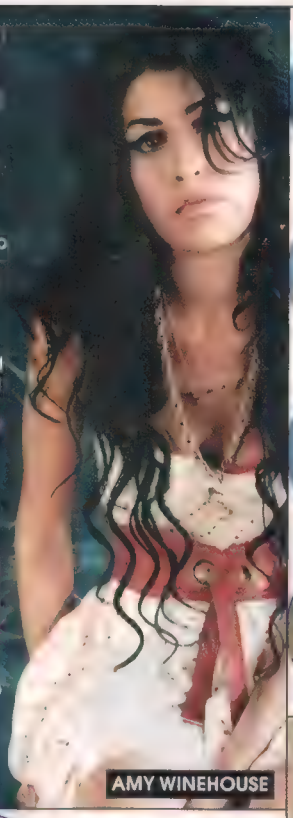
BACKSTREET BOYS: BRIAN LITTRELL, NICK CARTER, A.J. MCLEAN, HOWIE DOROUGH

STARS BEHAVING BADLY

Tabloid journalists did a lot of time in the parking lots of police stations this year, as Hollywood took turns getting into one pickle after another. And with gossip portals like Perez Hilton and TMZ, we got to follow every minute of the madness. Thanks for entertaining us, guys—but take care of yourselves, okay?

THEY TRIED TO MAKE ME GO TO REHAB...

She might have sung "No, no, no," but AMY WINEHOUSE finally gave in to her family's pressure—and ended up in rehab after all. Malibu's Promises turned into a celeb hot spot with BRITNEY SPEARS *and* LINDSAY LOHAN as guests. Others who spent time in rehab this year: PETE DOHERTY, KEITH URBAN, RICHIE SAMBORA, and JASON WAHLER. We're proud of all of them for getting the help they need!



AMY WINEHOUSE

MUG SHOT GALLERY

The busiest celebrity photographers this year? The police!

▲ LINDSAY LOHAN
CRIME: Driving under the influence
SENTENCE: One day (yet to serve it at press time)

NICOLE RICHIE
CRIME: Driving under the influence
SENTENCE: Four days, but she only actually served 82 minutes

JASON WAHLER
CRIME: Assault and disorderly conduct
SENTENCE: 60 days (sentence was suspended at press time)

PARIS HILTON
CRIME: Violating her probation for a past DUI
SENTENCE: 45 days, but she only spent 23 days in the slammer

NAOMI CAMPBELL

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BRITNEY'S DOWNWARD SPIRAL

Every time Britney's name popped up in the news, our jaws dropped more. In February, she shaved off her hair. In July, she was accused of destroying a $6,700 Zac Posen dress with dog poop at a photo shoot. In September, she let us down at the VMAs, and in October her kids were taken away! And in between all that? More crotch shots. We're still pulling for a comeback, Brit!

STAR PITCHERS

NAOMI CAMPBELL threw a cell phone at her maid and ended up on trash duty. This year, more stars showed off their major league–worthy arms: **FOXY BROWN** hurled a BlackBerry at a neighbor, and **HUGH GRANT** was accused of tossing a tub of beans at a photographer. (Um, *gross!*) Dodgers, here they come!

CRASH TEST DUMMIES

Sign these stars up for remedial driving classes, pronto! **EVE** totaled her Maserati in Hollywood in April. **LINDSAY LOHAN** plowed her Mercedes into a curb over Memorial Day weekend. **MISCHA BARTON** got into two fender-benders in three weeks—one in a parking lot when her bumper got caught on a gate and fell off! And in October, **ORLANDO BLOOM** ran into a *parked* car in Hollywood. Maybe it's time to take advantage of this thing called a chauffeur? Just a thought!

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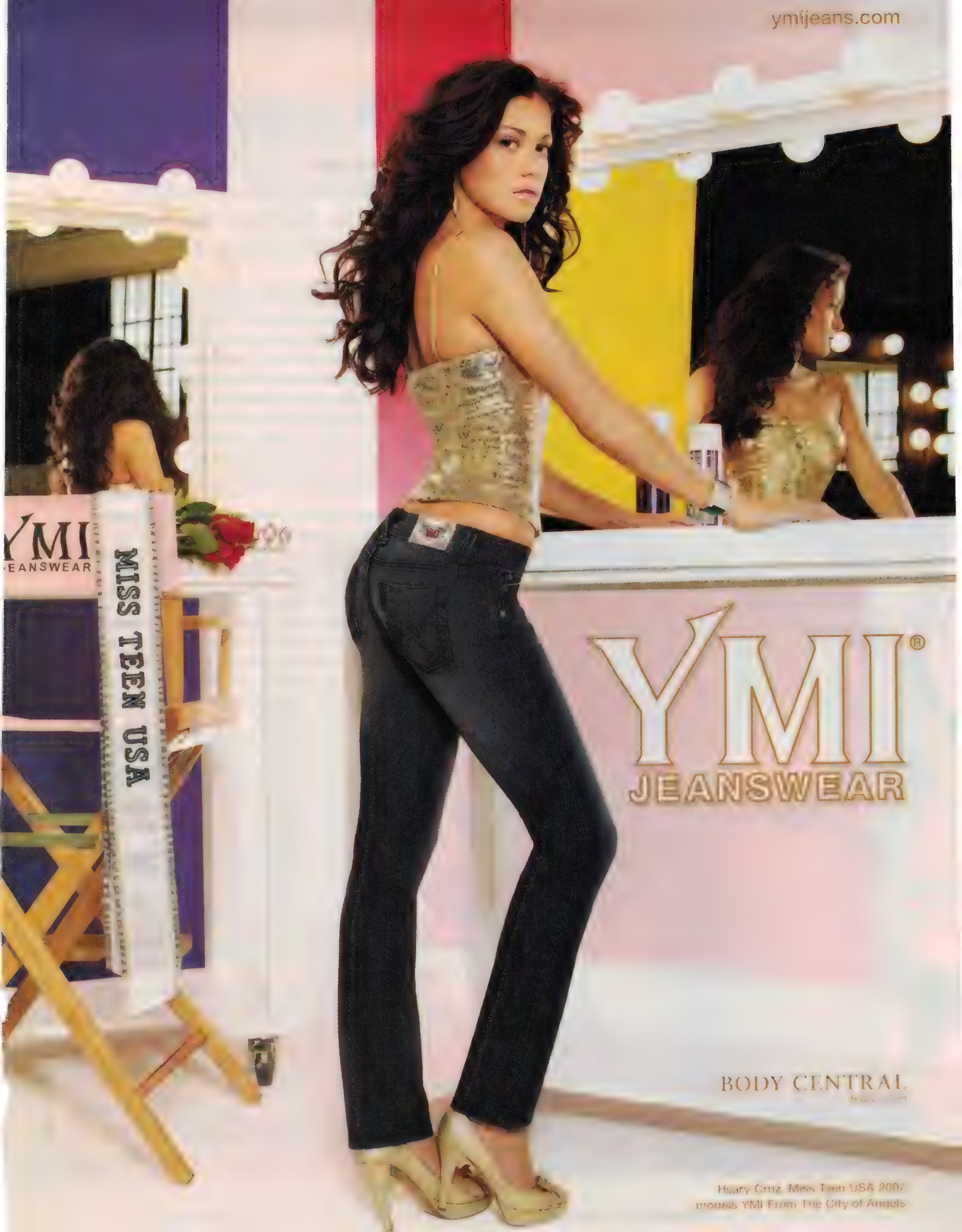
LOOKING TOWARD '08

PROM NIGHT You thought *your* prom was stressful? Donna (Brittany Snow) has a killer chasing after her on the big night! This flick is sure to be a *scream*—and to make Brittany a household name.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3 The *HSM* craze is going to get even bigger as the third installment goes to movie theaters. Now you'll have to hang on to your popcorn while dancing along with the Wildcats!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"Whenever I perform 'Promiscuous,' I feel like I'm 13, dancing in my room to Salt-N-Pepa!"

naturally **nelly**

Nelly Furtado is one hot mama (literally!) who's at the top of the music game. Find out what keeps her calm amidst all the chaos.

Whether she's rocking the VMAs with Justin Timberlake, traveling the world on her *Get Loose* tour, or making her directorial debut with her "Do It" video, Nelly Furtado always seems to be on the go. But living the fabulous life is only a part of who she truly is. "In real life, I'm a pretty simple girl," says the 28-year-old Portuguese-Canadian singer. Her favorite activity? Relaxing at home in Toronto—or doing just about anything with her 4-year-old daughter, Nevis. "She comes on the road with me," Nelly says. "She hangs out on the sidelines and begs to come onstage. She loves music!" Here, she takes a (much-deserved) break from her tour to answer your questions.

What inspired you to pursue a career in music? —LaPage, 18, East St. Louis, IL

I've always had music in my head. Ever since I was 4, I've found myself full of melodies and lyrics. I started taking ukulele and trombone lessons, then I got into musical theater, choir, and folk dancing. I was involved in music seven days a week! My mother also inspired me. She was in the church choir and would hold practices in our living room. Her father was a marching band composer, so my whole family is really musical.

How do you relax and enjoy yourself when you're alone? —Caitlin, 15, Horsham, PA

Tea helps me chill out. I drink lots of green tea—I have a cupboard full of different kinds. I also like to read books, listen to music, go to the park with my daughter, and when I have time, take walks and hikes. And go shopping!

You always look so gorgeous and natural. What's your makeup trick? —Cheyanne, 17, Bozeman, MT

My makeup artist always mixes moisturizer with foundation, sometimes using Evian mist spray to blend cream, water, and concealer. If you use good foundation, you don't need to wear lots of makeup.

It seems like so many young stars are spinning out of control lately. Do you have any advice for them? —Sue Ellen, 21, Newark, NJ

I recommend leaving L.A. for a six-month period. Try going to a mountain retreat, as far away from L.A. as possible, to get some clarity and strength. I love L.A., but there can be a lot of pressure there.

What's the most outrageous thing a fan has ever given you? —Christina, 17, Syosset, NY

A fan gave me a painter suit once. He had painted a mural for me in his house, and he brought me the suit he was wearing while he painted it!

—Rachel Chang

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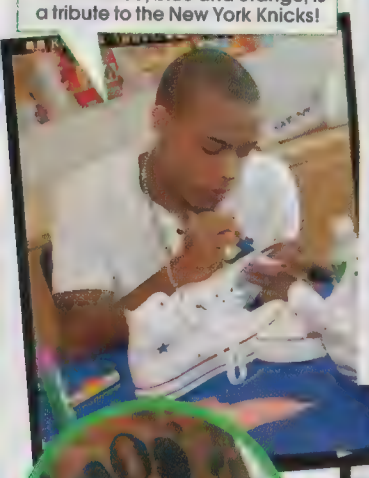
high-top face-off! Bow Wow and Omarion stop by CG!'s offices to see who can design the coolest kicks. The battle is on!

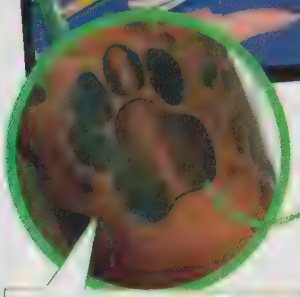
With a new album, *Face Off* (out December 4), Bow Wow and Omarion are mixing their sounds together. When they visited our offices, we decided to have them showcase their individuality in something *other* than music—fashion! We gave them some art supplies and asked them to design their own pair of Converse kicks. "We come from two different worlds," Bow said. "But when we come together to do something, it's gonna come out hot!" That goes for music *and* footwear!

local flavor
Bow, 20, worked in his Ohio hometown area code, 614. His color choice, blue and orange, is a tribute to the New York Knicks!

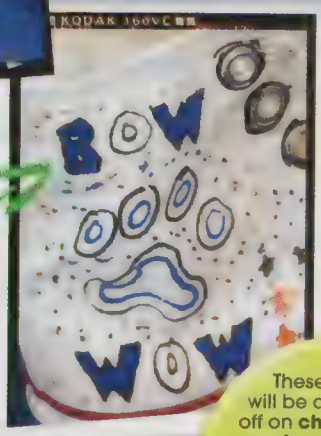


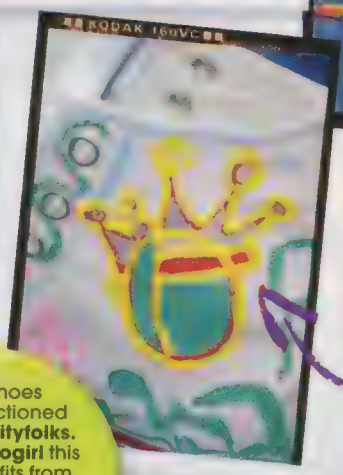
Who's the competitive one of the pair? "We both are!" Bow (*left*) said, as Omarion gave him a knowing smirk.

for the ladies
Omarion, 22, used tons of pink, explaining, "I pictured a pretty girl with nice legs and imagined how she'd look with these on!"

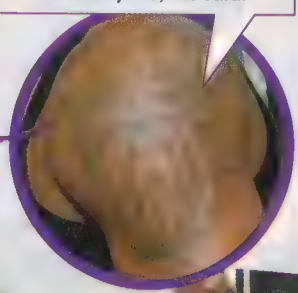


the bark mark
Bow put his official stamp on his shoes—a copy of his paw print tattoo. "This is how you know it's an official Bow Wow sneaker," he said.

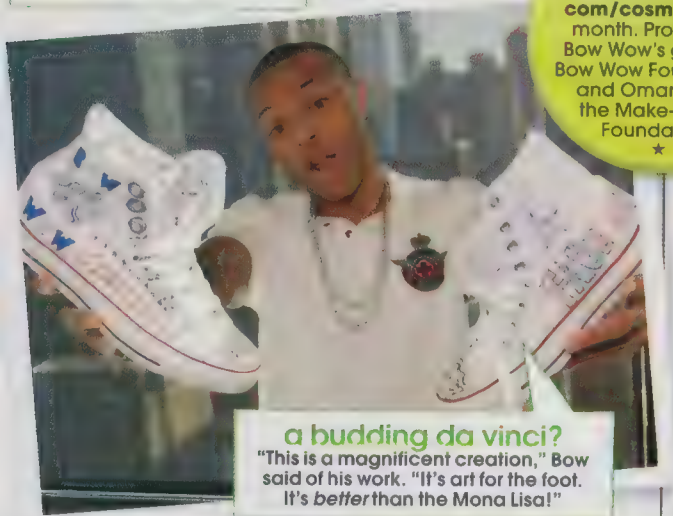




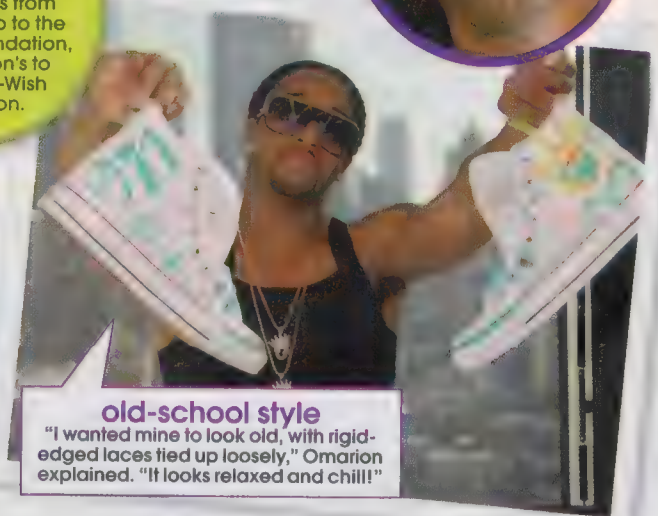
puffy paint prince
Omarion also used one of his tattoos in his design—an O with a crown. "When people see it on here, they'll know it's made by me," he said.



★ These shoes will be auctioned off on **charityfolks.com/cosmogirl** this month. Profits from Bow Wow's go to the Bow Wow Foundation, and Omarion's to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. ★



a budding da vinci?
"This is a magnificent creation," Bow said of his work. "It's art for the foot. It's *better* than the Mona Lisa!"



old-school style
"I wanted mine to look old, with rigid-edged laces tied up loosely," Omarion explained. "It looks relaxed and chill!"

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Carrie's mom told her a larger vocabulary equals a larger paycheck. Well, Carrie thought, that information will certainly _____ well for my shoe collection.

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The Choctawhatchee High School Cheerleaders of Fort Walton Beach, FL

They love being together and they're like "one big family." Promoting school spirit and representing their county and their state in national competitions is a top priority for every cheerleader on the squad, whether they're helping local middle schools or performing!

These girls can cheer—and they've got spirit!—but do they have what it takes to be leaders?

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James Marsden can rock any outfit. Hand him a visor and he turns into *X-Men*'s Cyclops. Give him a military uniform and he becomes Rachel McAdams's sweet army man in *The Notebook*. And put a whole lotta product into his thick, wavy locks and he's a '60s TV host in *Hairspray*. Now James is stepping into his most elaborate costume yet—purple tights and gigantic puffy sleeves—to play Prince Edward, an animated storybook prince plopped into a real-life world in *Enchanted* (opening November 21). In the film, Princess Giselle (Amy Adams) turns from cartoon to live action as she climbs out of a manhole and into New York City, where she runs into McDreamy (er, a lawyer played by Patrick Dempsey!). Prince Edward follows her and desperately tries to bring her back to storybook-land. Will they live happily ever after? See the movie to find out! For now, check out what James had to say about life as a prince.

fairy-tale fun

IT WOULD BE AWESOME TO BE A PRINCE BECAUSE my hair would always be PERFECT.

THE HARDEST THING I HAD TO LEARN TO PLAY A PRINCE WAS how to swing a sword without injuring myself.

EVERY PRINCE MUST BE ABLE TO wear tight pants.

MY IDEAL CASTLE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE a coffee maker.

MY PRINCE NAME WOULD BE P-James

THE SECRET TO WINNING A PRINCESS'S HEART IS making her laugh.

THE MOST ENCHANTING FAIRY TALE TO ME IS Snow White BECAUSE she was my first crush.

THE WORST THING ABOUT BEING A PRINCE IS carrying the weight of the world and puffy sleeves on your shoulders

THE BEST PART ABOUT THE FAIRY-TALE WORLD IS you can visit anytime.

James Marsden Huzzah!

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This fall, look and feel like the goddess you've always known you are. Follow these tips and your exquisite beauty will make even *Venus* jealous!

- For a light and airy look, wear clothes in creams, ivories, and powdery hues, like soft grays and blues.
- You don't have to wear head-to-toe lace to get this look. Accent your outfit with tulle and other delicate materials. Try wearing some ribbon around your wrist, or around your neck as a necklace.
- Look for jewelry with sweet details like butterflies, pearls, and flower charms. Don't be afraid to layer them all on!

CG! BEAUTY TIP: To get the angelic waves on this page, wrap 2-inch sections of your hair around the *outside* of a large-barrel curling iron.

Ivory lace dress, Kitty, $95, kittyapparel.com; Gold dragonfly necklace, Lydell NYC, $28, 614-847-JULE; Gold and pearl necklace, Forever 21, $7, forever21.com; Gold charm necklace, K+K Creative, $16, nordstrom.com; Gold butterfly cuff, Girlprops.com, $15, girlprops.com; Gold and pearl ring, Forever 21, $4, forever21.com.

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Dee Dee in the dance studio.

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Plaid sneaker boots with buckles, Soda, $39, 800-822-8869, ext. 0
Multicolored floral boots, Roxy, $59, roxy.com
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Black patent boots with buckle, Alloy, $40, alloy.com
Brown suede ankle boots with faux fur, On Your Feet, $85, onyourfeet.com
Brown leather ankle boots, Rocket Dog, $76, zappos.com

boots du jour

Whether you're heading to the mountains, going out dancing, or just trying to stay warm and cozy, here are 14 ways to look boot-iful!

Red snow boots, Rubber Duck, $100, rubberduck brand.com
Blue velvet lace-up booties, Mia, $59, miashoes.com
Black leather boots with buckles, Candie's, $80, kohls.com
Brown suede wedge boots, Tribeca, $129, macys.com
Black high-heel boots with round buckles, Aldo, $200, aldoshoes.com
Yellow rain boots with skull closure, Vans, $65, vans.com/girls
Olive green lace-up boots, Emu Australia, $80, shoemania.com

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CGI BUZZ

Hanging out with the hottest designers backstage at New York Fashion Week

Pictured: **Charlotte Ronson**; CGI Editor-in-Chief, **Susan Schulz**

Celebrating your favorite brands with Tim Gunn at CosmoGIRL!'s annual Kiss of Approval Awards

Pictured: CGI Editor-in-Chief, **Susan Schulz**; MAC Cosmetics' **Caroline Geerlings**; CGI Publisher/VP, **Kristine Welker**; **Tim Gunn**

Honoring fashion icons at a 30 Days of Fashion event at the Hearst Tower in NYC

Pictured: Hearst EVP/CMO/Publishing Director-in-Chief, **Michael Clinton**; **Cindy Crawford**; renowned fashion photographer **Peter Lindberg**; Cosmopolitan Editor, **Kate White**; **Ludacris**

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20 easy pieces

The CG! fashion editors took these hot fashion staples and combined them to make the seven amazing outfits on these pages. You can put them together however you want and show off *your* personal style. The possibilities are endless!

▶ Black sequined flats, Unionbay, $35, unionbay.com

Navy peacoat-style miniskirt, American Eagle Outfitters, $40, ae.com

Black turtleneck, H&M, $13, hm.com

Metallic tank with brooch detail, Forever 21, $20, forever21.com

▶ Gold chain-link belt, Forever 21, $8, forever21.com

Multicolored dress, Derek Heart, $30, dots.com

▲ Gold scarf with red details, Amiee-Lynn, $18, 800-24-BELTS

◀ Charcoal and light gray polka-dot cardigan, Matix, $60, zappos.com

▲ Denim trousers, Old Navy, $35, oldnavy.com

▶ Pink clutch with bow, Hollywould for Target, $20, target.com

▶ Black leggings, A.N.A by JCPenney, $20, jcp.com

▲ Gray booties, Rampage Footwear, $60, macys.com

Gold hoop earrings, Gigi in Style, $25, 800-822-1525, ext. 10

▶ White printed T-shirt, Junk Food, $32, junkfoodclothing.com

▲ Silver oversized bag, Sasha Handbags, $35, c21stores.com

Pink heart necklace, Claire's, $6, claires.com

▶ Black blazer with satin trim, DKNY Jeans Juniors, $89, dknyjeans.com

▶ White ruffle-front blouse, Erin Fetherston for Target, $25, target.com

▼ Silver braided bracelet, Joia, $16, lulusfashionlounge.com

▲ Black platform mary janes, Isaac Mizrahi for Target, $30, target.com

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Green puffer with faux fur trim, Victoria's Secret Pink, $118, vspink.com
Pink down puffer with gold accents, Akademiks, $134, akademiks.com
Silver embroidered puffer, Deréon by House of Deréon, $99, macys.com
Red quilted puffer, Old Navy, $68, oldnavy.com

coat patrol

Baby, it's cold outside! Sergeant Bundle to the rescue with two hot trends to keep you warm!

Black belted military coat, Guess, $225, nordstrom.com
Red high-neck coat, By H&M, $70, hm.com
Gray wool coat with silver buttons, Forever 21, $65, forever21.com
Brown jacket with faux fur, Dear by Amanda Bynes, $20, dearbyamanda.com
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pencil box

That's it! We've had it with plain eyeliner, so we found a ton of fun new pencils. Pick one up so *you* can draw the line too!

BY EMILY KATE WARREN

SPLIT-TIPPED
The "lead" packed into this pencil is split so half the tip is one color, and half is another. Rub the pencil on its side for just one color, or hold it straight and use the point to get a blend of both hues.

Sephora Bicolor Liner in Coffee Cream, $6, sephora.com

CHUBBY *AND* SKINNY
Rub the fat end of this pencil all over your lid as a creamy shadow. Then flip it and use the narrow tip to define your lash lines.

Milani Black Magic Pencil in Blackened Pink/Pink Magic, $5, CVS

BLENDER
Use the point to draw a sharp line along your lash lines. Then leave your look defined (like the photo above) or buff it out with the sponge-tipped smudgie on the other end for a smoky effect.

Tropez Smoky Eyes Pencil in Electric Blue, $2, at drugstores

TWIST-UP
This creamy pencil will glide across your lids. Plus, you can wind it down when you're through, like ChapStick! Bonus: There's a sharpener at the other end!

L'Oréal Paris HIP High Intensity Pigments Color Rich Cream Crayon in Authentic, $10, at drugstores

GLITTER
The sparkly flecks in this chubby soft liner are blended in so they won't fall down your cheeks as you apply the color to your lids or along your lash lines.

Nyx Glitter Mania Jumbo Pencil in Moonstone, $4, at drugstores

FELT-TIPPED
Apply this easy-to-use marker along your lash lines—its tip is sturdy so your liquid line will come out straight, *and* it's waterproof so it won't smear!

Lorac Front of the Line Waterproof Eyeliner in Brown, $20, sephora.com

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get it **straight!**

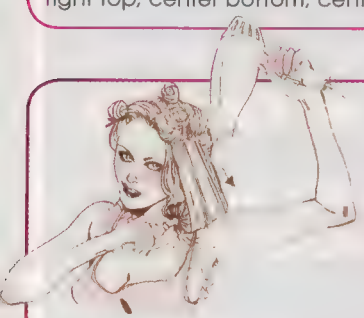
How does your stylist always get your hair to look so smooth? She knows these five steps to the perfect blow-out!

BY JENNIFER GOLDSTEIN

No matter what holiday style you want—sleek straight hair, sexy waves, even an updo—it all starts with a blow-out. Here, celebrity stylist Sarah Potempa, who's styled Mischa Barton's and Emmy Rossum's hair, shows you how.

1 For straight hair: Work a palmful of mousse into damp roots (try **Aussie Catch the Wave Mousse + Leave-In Conditioner**, $3, at drugstores). Add volume by lifting sections of your hair and aiming the blow-dryer at your roots for a few seconds; blow-dry the rest of your hair until it's 75 percent dry. For wavy or curly hair: Apply a quarter-size blob of straightening cream (try **Pantene Pro-V Extra Straight Comb-in-Cream**, $4, at drugstores); go to step 2.

2 Separate your hair into a top and bottom section, then split each section into three smaller sections (left side, right side, center). Twist the sections into buns and clip them out of the way. (If you have thick hair, break each of the sections into smaller 2-inch sections so they're easier to work with.) Blow-dry sections in this order: left bottom, right bottom, left top, right top, center bottom, center top.



3 To blow-dry: Place a large round brush with boar bristles at your roots on the underside of the section, then point the blow-dryer down your hair shaft and simultaneously move the dryer and brush down to the ends. Roll the brush back to your roots and repeat until the section is dry. Once it's dry, don't remove the brush; roll it back up to your roots.

4 Hold the brush at your roots until the hair cools, about 10 to 15 seconds. (If you have a cool-shot on your dryer, use that to speed things up.) Once the section cools, gently unroll your brush to release the section—don't brush through it!

5 When all of your sections are dry and cool, mist a boar-bristle flat brush (try **Goody So Smooth Ceramic Boar Cushion Brush**, $8, at drugstores) with a flexible-hold hairspray (try **Dove Flexible Hold Hairspray**, $4, at drugstores), then use it to *gently* brush your hair to blend the sections together. You can leave your hair as is, make frizz-free waves with a curling iron, or put it up in any style. Voilà!

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A good blow-dryer is half the battle against frizz. Here's what you need:

1. At least 1,875 watts, the power you need to dry your hair before it frizzes.
2. A concentrator nozzle, to direct air only onto the section you're working on
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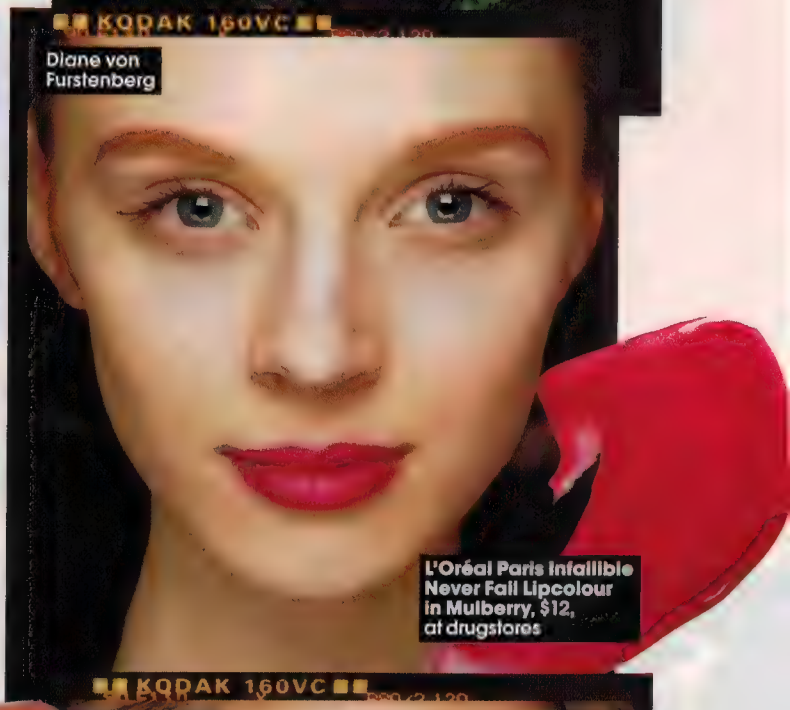

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true beauty

CosmoGIRL! of the Year Tara Suri, 16, won a $20,000 scholarship *and* a makeover from Maybelline New York. Check out her fab new look!

BY RACHEL JACOBY

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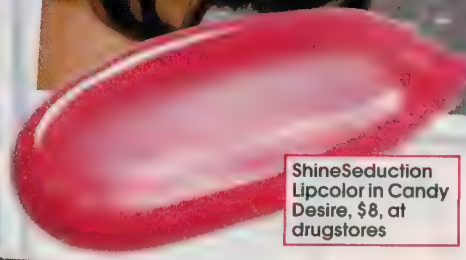
Check out page 117 to read Tara's inspirational story!



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textured layers

1. Hairstylist Francky L'Official cut one inch off Tara's hair, then added long, choppy layers to frame her face and give her hair more volume.
2. Next, L'Official separated her hair into sections and blew it straight using a round brush.
3. He then added soft waves with a 1-inch-barrel curling iron.
4. To finish, he used his fingers to distribute a bit of shine serum through her hair while tousling her waves for a bedhead effect.

fresh face

1. Our makeup artist, Yuko, dusted a shimmery bronze eye shadow across Tara's lids and into her creases.
2. Then she rimmed Tara's upper and lower lash lines with a black eyeliner.
3. Her lashes got one coat of lash primer, followed by two coats of black mascara.
4. The apples of Tara's cheeks were brushed with a rosy blush.
5. Yuko finished Tara's new look with a sheer pink lip gloss.

Expert Wear Eye Shadow in Sunlit Bronze, $7 for quad, at drugstores

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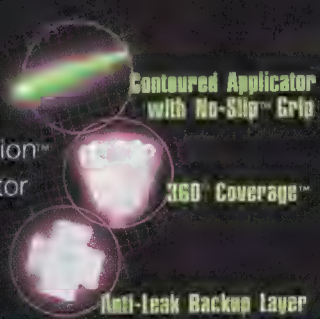

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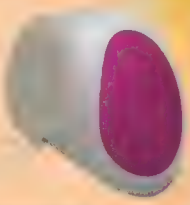

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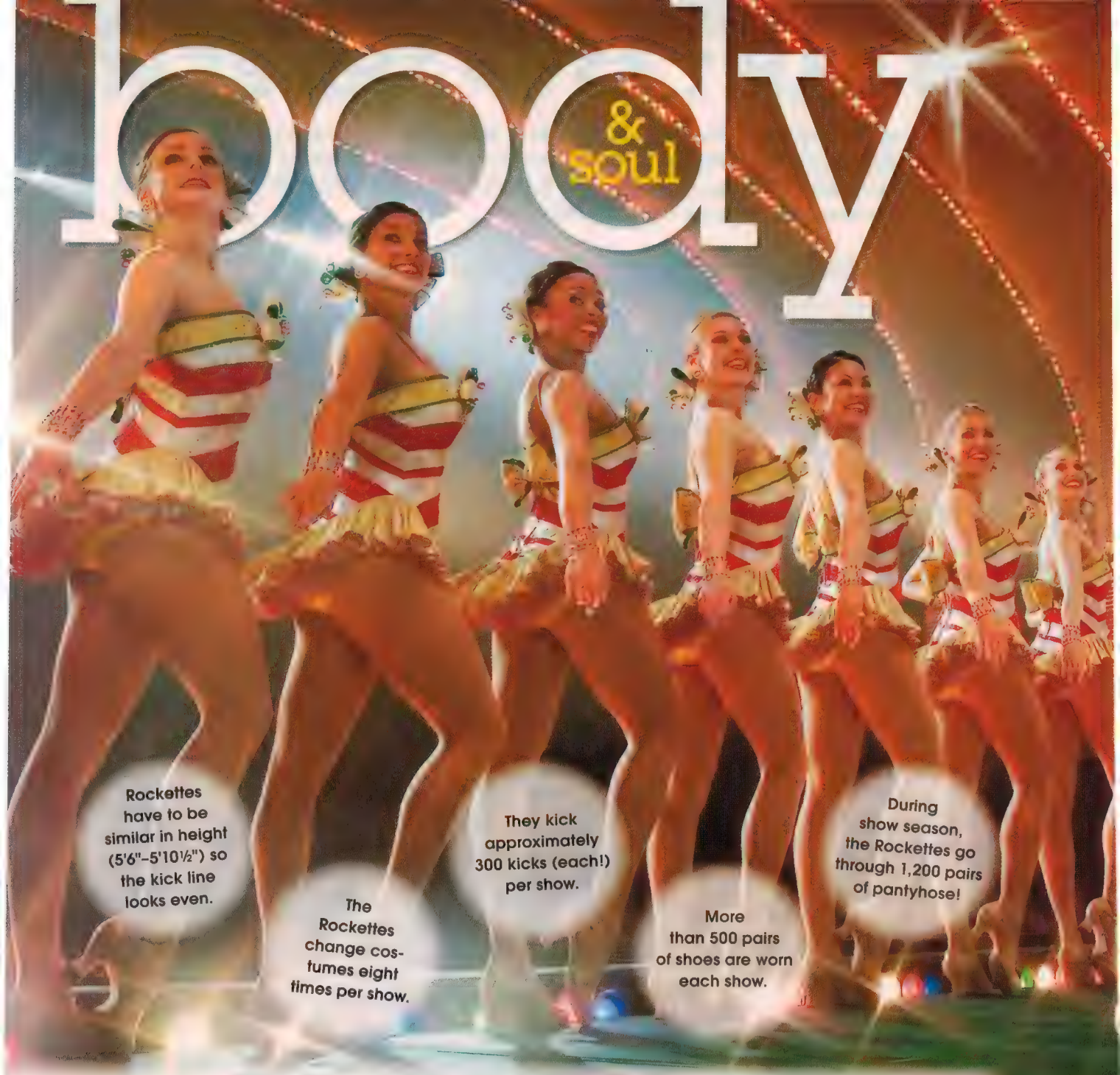
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they **rock!** Yeah, this dance troupe dons froufrou outfits and heels—but they still kick serious holiday booty! BY EMILY KATE WARREN

NAME: The Rockettes **AGE:** 75 **HOMETOWN:** New York City **CLAIM TO FAME:** They perform in the *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* for over one million people each season! You've probably seen them in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade too. **THEIR STAY-FIT PLAN:** The 80 Rockettes perform six days a week for eight weeks and up to six shows per day (that's a workout in itself!). They drink lots of water and fuel up with complex carbs (like oatmeal) and lean protein (like chicken and fish). **ROCKETTE DREAMS:** Hannah Sides, 20, wanted to become a Rockette after seeing them perform during the Macy's parade when she was 3 years old. "I asked my mother who the pretty dancers were and she said, 'Those are the Rockettes.' I started taking tap dancing classes. I worked so hard and now I'm getting to live my dream!"

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slope **star**

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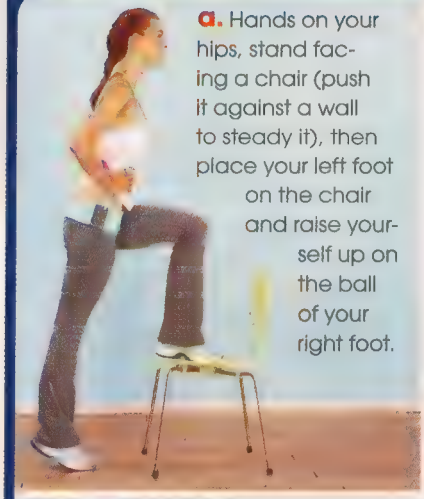
BY JENNIFER GOLDSTEIN

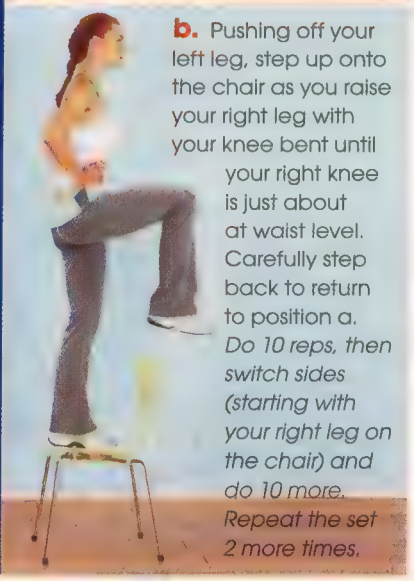
Lots of skiers are good at one event, but Olympian Kaylin Richardson, 23, competes in five! And to do that, she needs to be in good shape before it even starts snowing. Here, she shares the moves she does to strengthen her muscles before the ski season. Do the whole workout three times a week and you'll be ready to hit the slopes (or just look more toned in your leggings and fleece!) in about six weeks. Have fun, ski bunny!

step up

WORKS: quads, butt, and hamstrings **IMPROVES:** balance and endurance



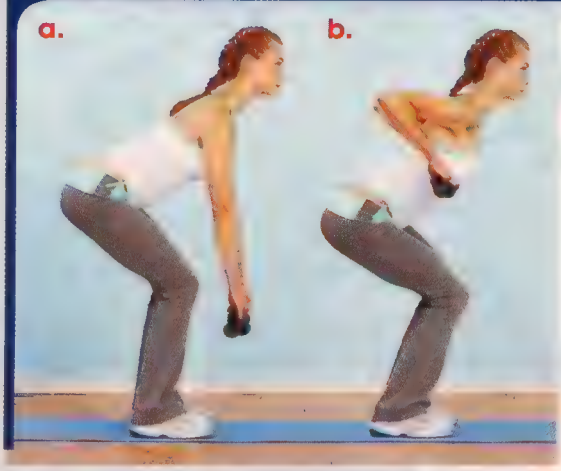
a. Hands on your hips, stand facing a chair (push it against a wall to steady it), then place your left foot on the chair and raise yourself up on the ball of your right foot.



b. Pushing off your left leg, step up onto the chair as you raise your right leg with your knee bent until your right knee is just about at waist level. Carefully step back to return to position a. *Do 10 reps, then switch sides (starting with your right leg on the chair) and do 10 more. Repeat the set 2 more times.*

bent-over rows

WORKS: upper and lower back **IMPROVES:** stability on icy slopes and through moguls (those bumpy bits on the slope)



a. Holding 3- to 5-pound weights (try Heavyhands Multi-Pac with Carrying Case, featuring adjustable weights, *shown*, $35, heavyhandsfitness.com), stand with knees bent; bend your torso at a 45-degree angle so your arms hang.

b. Keep your back straight as you pull the weights to your chest, elbows bent behind you as if you were rowing a boat. Return to position a. *Do 3 sets of 10.*

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weighted girardellis

WORKS: quads, abs, hamstrings, butt, and obliques **IMPROVES:** speed

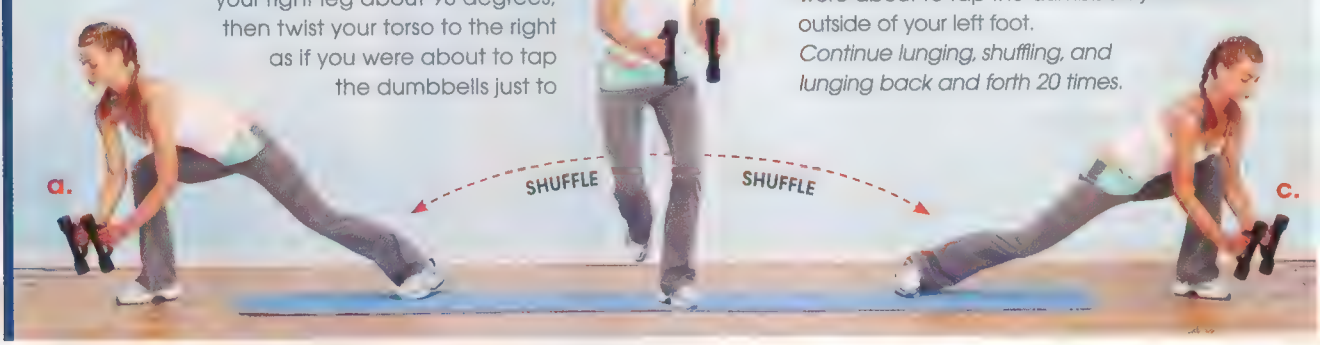
For this move, imagine two points on the floor that are 10 feet apart; you will be doing a lateral shuffle quickly between these two points.

a. Start at the imaginary point to your right holding a 3- to 5-pound weight in each hand. Get into a right-side lunge position: Bend your right leg about 90 degrees, then twist your torso to the right as if you were about to tap the dumbbells just to the outside of your right foot.

b. Explode into a standing position, then quickly shuffle 10 feet to your left, toward the other imaginary point on the floor.

c. Lunge to your left, bending your knee 90 degrees, then twist your torso to the left as if you were about to tap the dumbbells just to the outside of your left foot.

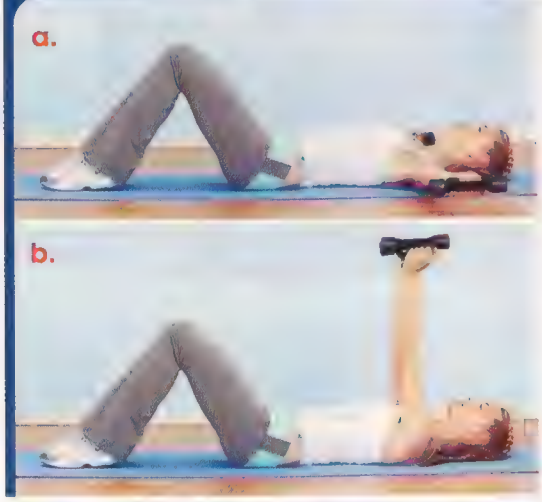
Continue lunging, shuffling, and lunging back and forth 20 times.



dumbbell fly

WORKS: arms, shoulders, and chest

IMPROVES: balance



a. Holding 3- to 5-pound weights in your hands, lie on your back with your knees bent and feet flat on the floor, then stick your arms straight out at your sides and hold the dumbbells palms-up so your hands are about 3 inches off the floor.

b. With your elbows slightly bent, squeeze your chest muscles to raise your arms and bring the dumbbells together above your chest. Slowly return to position a. *Do 3 sets of 10 reps.*

SKI STUFF

Check out a few of Kaylin's favorite things!

◀ Spyder Lima jacket, $250, spyder.com "I love Spyder jackets, especially the ones with Thinsulate, which are lightweight and water-resistant."

▶ La Roche-Posay Anthelios SX Daily Moisturizing Cream, $29, cvs.com "Snow reflects sun, so I wear this cream that blocks UVA and UVB rays."

▲ Clif Shot Bloks Organic Energy Chews, $2 each, at sports retail stores "These little gummies are packed with carbs—they're great for energizing me during a workout."

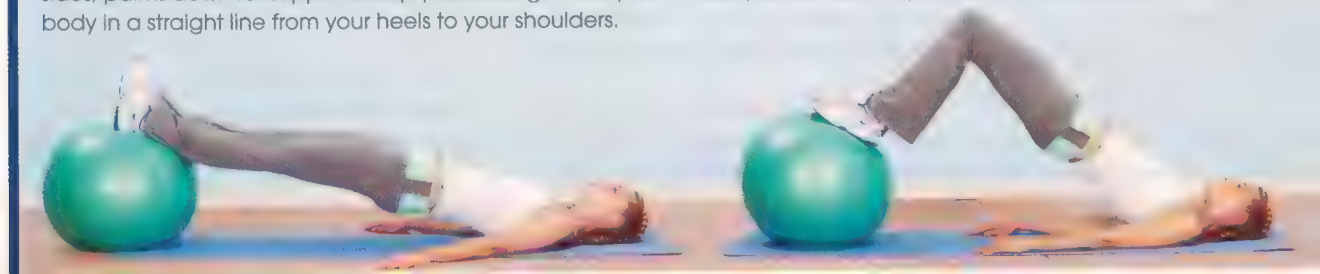
hamstring curl

WORKS: hamstrings and butt

IMPROVES: endurance

a. Lie with your head and shoulders (not your back) touching the floor, heels placed on an inflatable exercise ball (try Gaiam Anti-Burst BalanceBall Beginners Kit, *shown*, $30, gaiam.com). Place your arms at a 45-degree angle to your sides, palms down for support. Keep your abs tight and your body in a straight line from your heels to your shoulders.

b. Squeeze your butt as you use your legs to pull the ball in toward your butt about two feet, letting your heels roll down the outside of the ball as it moves. Hold for one count, then extend your legs to push the ball away and return to position a. *Do 3 sets of 10 reps.*



are you too anxious?

Find out if you've just got a few butterflies...or if you're *too* on edge.

BY CHERYL BRODY

Growing up, I was a total worry-wart. When my dad said only all-A report cards were "fridge-worthy," it motivated me, but it also made me so nervous that I'd throw up before tests! Anxiety can be a good motivator, but you can't let it *control* you—it's not healthy. So don't let winter-time stresses (ahem, shopping for gifts and studying for exams) freak you out. Look at this checklist to see if you're prone to panic. No matter what your score, read our stress-busters to make the season more Zen!

Note to self: Cupcakes taste better than nails.

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IF YOU CHECKED OFF TWO OR MORE ITEMS, anxiety could be getting the best of you. Next time you're in a tailspin, try one of the tips below. Tune in to your personality when choosing—if you like to go at a slow pace, pick from the activities highlighted in pink; if you like to work off your stress, refer to the items in orange.

- **TRY YOGA/PILATES.** Focusing on your breathing may make you feel calmer because when you concentrate on one thing, your mind doesn't wander as much.

- **HIT THE GYM!** Regular exercise isn't a cure-all for anxiety, but it may help reduce tension, which in turn reduces levels of cortisol, the hormone associated with stress.

- **TURN TO YOUR SPIRITUALITY.** If you're religious, go to services or pray silently. If you're not, try meditating. Don't know how? Download *Mini-Meditations for Stress Free Living* by Simonette Vaja to your iPod ($10, itunes.com). Since you can carry your iPod everywhere, you'll feel prepared if you're caught in a stressful situation. You'll know you have something to calm you down right at your fingertips!

- **CONNECT WITH YOUR FRIENDS.** Do something fun with your closest friends, like taking a dance class or playing games on your Wii. Then grab a bite and chat. Sharing your emotions with people you truly trust is comforting. Learning about *their* anxieties can put things in perspective—you'll see you can handle whatever you're facing.

- **MAKE A COLLAGE OF YOUR FAVORITE PLACES.** Use pics of a family vacation or friends from camp and look at your creation when you're panicky. Seeing peaceful pictures can help ease your mind.

If these tips don't make you feel calmer, you might need a trained counselor's advice. Call 800-273-TALK to find a center near you or to just talk and have someone listen.

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Daphne, 21, is the author of *The Dorm Room Diet* and *The Dorm Room Diet Planner*. Here, she shares some of her favorite nutritious yet yummy holiday recipes. Dig in, CG!

CRUNCHY SPICED POPCORN

Using an air popper and a little olive oil spray keeps this popcorn low in fat. Try different spices to find a mixture that you like!

- **½ cup popcorn kernels**
- **All-natural olive oil cooking spray**
- **1 tsp onion salt**
- **½ tsp paprika**
- **½ tsp dill**
- **1 tsp cumin**

Prepare the popcorn according to your hot-air popper's directions. When it's done popping, place the popcorn in a large bowl and mist lightly with the cooking spray; gently toss and add the spices. Mix thoroughly, then serve.

CHOCOLATE-COVERED STRAWBERRIES

These satisfy your sweet tooth but aren't as high in sugar and fat as some holiday cakes and cookies.

- **6 oz semisweet or dark chocolate chips**
- **24–30 ripe strawberries**

In a microwave-safe bowl, melt chips using the microwave defrost setting; heat in two-minute increments, stirring between each heating, until smooth. Cover a plate with wax paper and spread out berries on it. Drizzle each berry with a spoonful of melted chocolate. Place in fridge until chocolate sets (20 minutes), then serve.

HEALTHY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

This recipe uses whole-wheat flour, plus mashed banana instead of eggs. The result? Less cholesterol and fat than regular cookies. Also, the dark chocolate is healthier than milk chocolate!

- **2¼ cups whole wheat flour**
- **1 tsp baking soda**
- **1 tsp salt**
- **1 cup nonhydrogenated margarine, softened**
- **¾ cup white sugar**
- **¾ cup packed brown sugar**
- **1 mashed ripe banana**
- **1 tsp vanilla extract**
- **1 12-oz package (or 2 cups) dark semisweet chocolate chips**

Preheat oven to 350. Combine flour, baking soda, and salt in a small bowl. In a large bowl, beat together margarine, white sugar, and brown sugar until smooth. Add banana and vanilla extract. Gradually add the flour mixture while beating until the mixture is smooth. Stir in the chocolate chips. Drop spoonfuls of dough about 1 inch apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake for about 10 minutes, or until cookies are golden brown. Let stand for a few minutes, then transfer with a spatula to a wire rack to cool.

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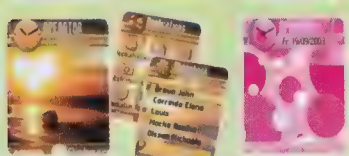

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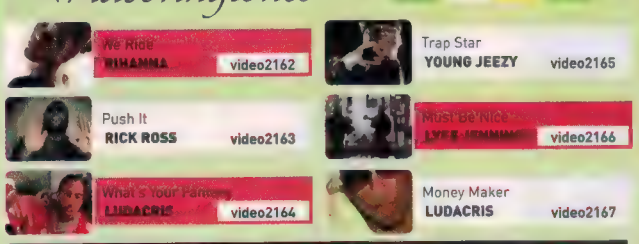

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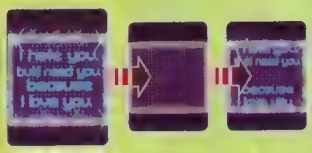

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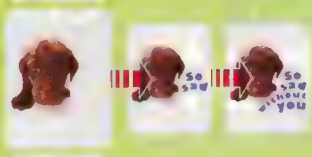

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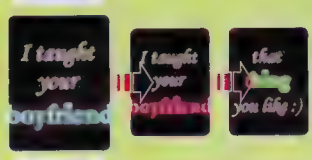

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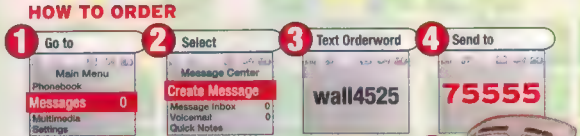

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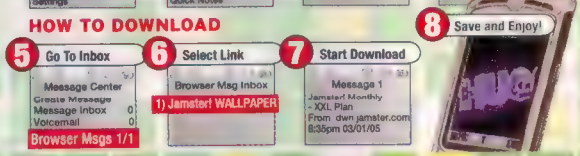

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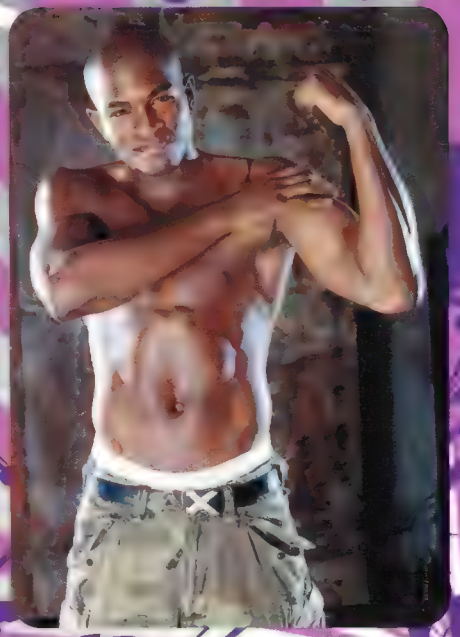

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He likes you, he likes you not...guys reveal the sure signs they're into you (*much* more reliable than petal-plucking)! **BY NIKI EVANS**

"If a guy seems genuinely interested in what a girl's friends have to say, he definitely likes the girl and is trying to earn brownie points with her friends. Also, touching of any form—shoulder, lower back—is a small signal that he's interested. Another not-so-obvious sign: Making an excote to pass a girl at a party, like always going to the bathroom, and smiling while he does it." —**Inder, 20, Ann Arbor, MI**

"If I like a girl, I'll sit next to her whenever I can and puff out my chest to look more buff. Or I'll pretend I don't understand something, even if I have an A in the class, so I can get some one-on-one help. Most important, I smile a lot. That's the special sign that not everyone gets!" —**Nedu, 20, Los Angeles, CA**

"Pay close attention to the guy's eyes. If he really likes you, he'll keep them locked on you. But when you look at him, he'll usually divert his eyes. It's an interesting game. Also, guys tend to get really nervous around girls they like, so if you see a guy acting fidgety, that's a huge sign that he likes you." —**Jeremy, 22, Vermillion, SD**

"If a guy ever wants to show you something he's good at—like if he wants you to go to his football game to see his punting skills—he likes you. I've shown a girl the shuffleboard table I made and how good I am at Wii. Even if she's not interested, it's the best way I can think of to show her that *I'm* interested." —**Travis, 20, Omaha, NE**

"It depends on the guy. He could be overly nice, or he could go with the 'joking insult' approach. He could also lock up and not speak, or be hyper. The bottom line is, if you notice a difference in the way you've seen him act around other people and the way he is around you, it's definitely a sign that he's into you." —**Brandon, 17, Newport Beach, CA**

"If a guy pokes fun at you, acts crazy to make you laugh, or smiles the whole time he's talking to you, then he's into you." —**Jamie, 16, Columbus, MS**

"I know that when *I* like a girl, I usually establish an inside joke, or something quirky that we have in common, so we can laugh about it later. It could be about anything, as long as it's something that the two of you have talked about before." —**Chris, 17, Pittsburgh, PA**

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Relationship expert Josh Shipp on what these guys are *really* saying

It's not too hard to know if a guy's into you. Trust me. We are not that sly. The following might get me exiled from the brotherhood, but here's what you need to watch for and how to make your move:

- **SHY GUY:** Interrogates your friends about you and makes intense eye contact. One-on-one conversations work best with this shy guy. But keep bolder questions for later—he'll be more open from a distance.
- **OUTGOING GUY:** Is always showing off and frequently checks in to make sure that you notice him. The guy is looking for someone who can hold her own. Bold is better here, so tell him how you feel.

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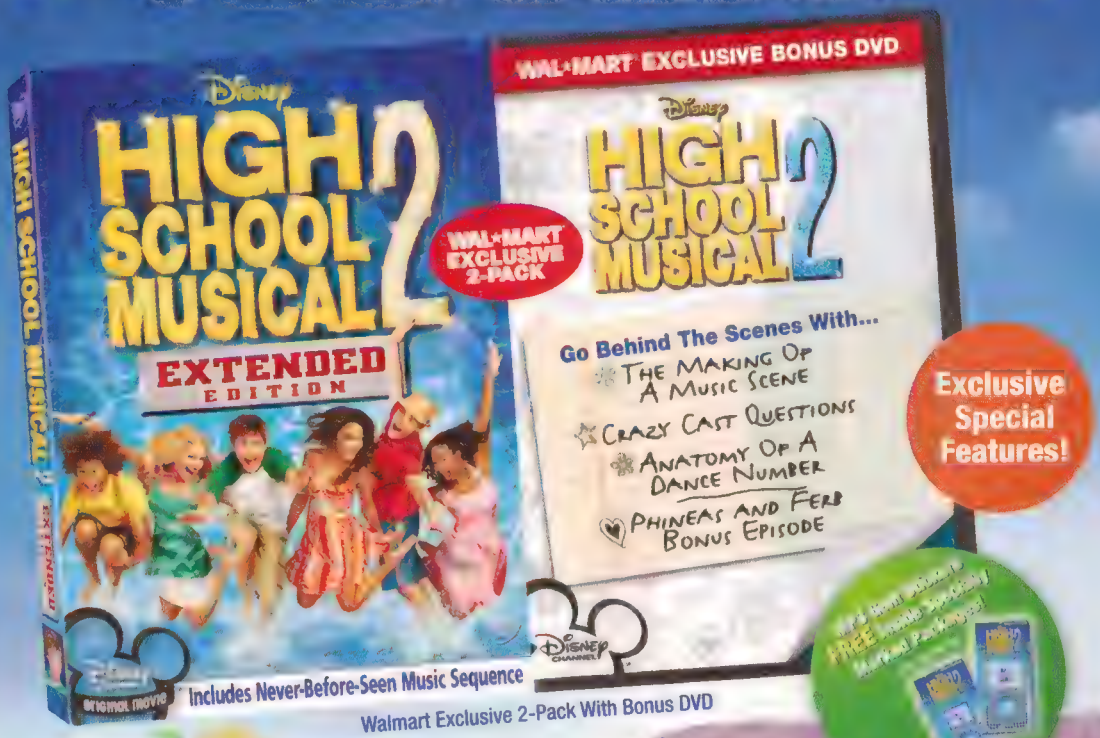

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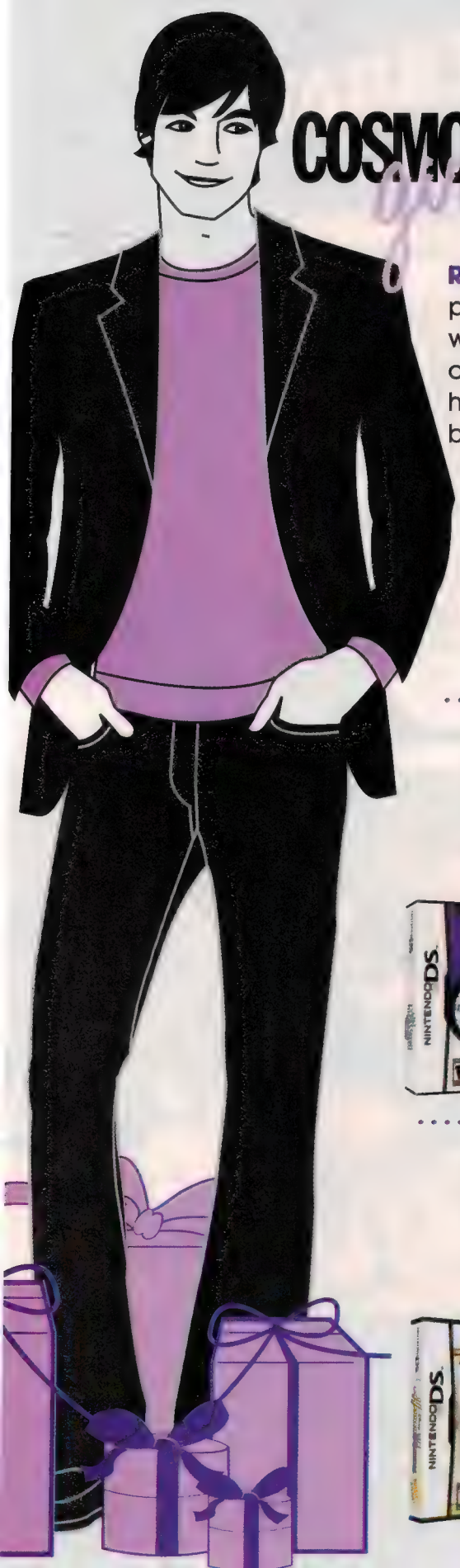

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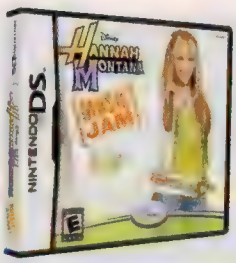

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are you too guarded with guys?

It's good to wear some armor to protect yourself, but if it's *too* thick, you'll never get struck by Cupid's arrow! **BY CHERYL BRODY**

Enough with the love songs—come up here and rescue me already!

1 You meet a guy during a family vacation. On the last day, he gives you his number. You:
(a) Facebook him. Hey, you barely know him!
(b) Text him when you get back—he was sweet, but you're not sure what could ever come of it.
(c) Call him before you get on the flight home.

2 How long do you usually date a guy before you'll bring him out with you and your friends?
(a) Not until after the "boyfriend-girlfriend" talk.
(b) It depends. Whenever there's a birthday party or a school dance, you'll bring him along.
(c) Um, you introduce him to *everyone* you know within a week of meeting him!

3 The hot waiter at your favorite diner asks if you want to see a movie sometime. You:
(a) Say you're too busy, then rush home to Google him. If he checks out and asks you out again, you *might* say yes.
(b) Say sure, and give him your number.
(c) Ask if he wants to go tonight. Why wait?

4 You're at the mall shopping for holiday gifts when you spot your neighbor (a.k.a. your "crush next door") in a store. You:
(a) Sneak out of the mall so you don't have to worry about what you would say to him if you were to bump into him at the food court.
(b) Pop into the store to "browse"—oh, and to say hello, of course!
(c) Rush over and offer to help him pick out presents for all of the girls in his family.

5 Your kinda-new boyfriend asks you how your last relationship ended. You:
(a) Pretend like you didn't hear him and change the subject immediately.
(b) Give him the basics and then ask him to tell you about *his* last breakup—it's only fair!
(c) Spill every last painful detail.

MOSTLY (a)'s — fortress with a moat Guys have to swim a channel, *then* break down a wall to get to know you. That makes it tough—borderline impossible—to connect. It's normal to be afraid of getting hurt, but try to let your guard down a little. It's the only way you'll ever get to experience one of the best things in life: love!

MOSTLY (b)'s — picket fence You think about the consequences before you do anything, especially when it comes to your love life. So before spilling your life story, you'll make sure you can trust the guy. It's smart to set boundaries wherever you think you need them. When you feel that the guy is worthy, you'll know it's okay to open the gate.

MOSTLY (c)'s — open door There's not much standing in the way of a guy who wants to get to know you. You'll tell your secrets to anyone! Just remember, the quicker you are to expose your feelings, the more vulnerable you are. Half the fun of a new relationship is finding out about each other bit by bit. So try to take things a little slower, okay?

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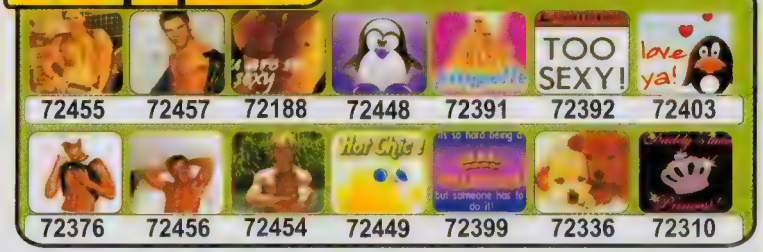

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Nickelback - Rockstar	72440	72441
Enrique Iglesias - Do You Know? (Ping Pong)	72382	72383
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Beyonce feat Shakira - Beautiful Liar	72256	72245
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Pink - U + Ur hand	72300	72299
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Beyonce - Irreplaceabale	72255	72243
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Bone Thugs-N-Harmony feat. Akon - I Tried	72345	72344
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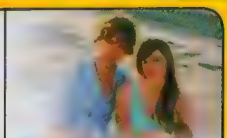

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MATT, 18, SAYS: "When it turned out that Meaghan wouldn't be in town, I decided to mail her the Kisses. I'd promised her I'd be her first New Year's kiss!"

TIME stood still

"Last New Year's, I was supposed to host an amazing party. But a few days before, my town was hit with an ice storm and the power was out for a week. So instead, I spent New Year's Eve at my boyfriend Chris's house because his family still had power. Chris was so busy making a racket with his noisemaker that he forgot to give me a midnight kiss! When he saw that I was upset, he turned back all of the clocks in his house to midnight, and we had an amazing kiss." —COURTNEY, 18

CHRIS, 17, SAYS: "I felt terrible when I missed my midnight kiss with Courtney. I really wanted to make it up to her, so I turned back all of the clocks—the kiss was unforgettable!"

"I want to tell you how beautiful I think you are, inside and out. I love you, Jamie; I always have." —Chris Brander (Ryan Reynolds), *Just Friends*

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"Last New Year's Eve, my best guy friend, Oli, and I were sitting in my basement watching the ball drop on TV. Oli had been acting really shy and nervous all night, which isn't like him at all, and I had no idea why. Then, about a minute before the ball dropped, he turned to me and whispered my name. As I turned to look at him, he gently placed his hands on either side of my face and kissed me! When the kiss was over, he said, 'I've wanted to do that for years.' That was my first kiss, and I can't imagine it having been any sweeter! We've been together for two years now." —DEEMA, 15

OLI, 15, SAYS: "I had liked Deema for a long time, but I wasn't sure how to tell her. I knew I seemed a little nervous that night, but I had promised myself I was going to let her know how I felt. I finally got up the courage to go for it and kiss her. Then I found out she liked me too! It was such a nice surprise, and it ended up being one of the best nights I've ever had."

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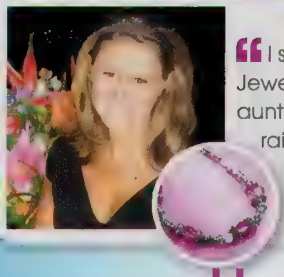

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Rachel, 24, Los Angeles, CA FACEBOOK.COM/PROFILE.PHP?ID=769855332&HIQ=DOYLE%2CRACHEL

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Molly and Carly, 15 and 13, Devon, PA FACEBOOK.COM/PROFILE.PHP?ID=782693790

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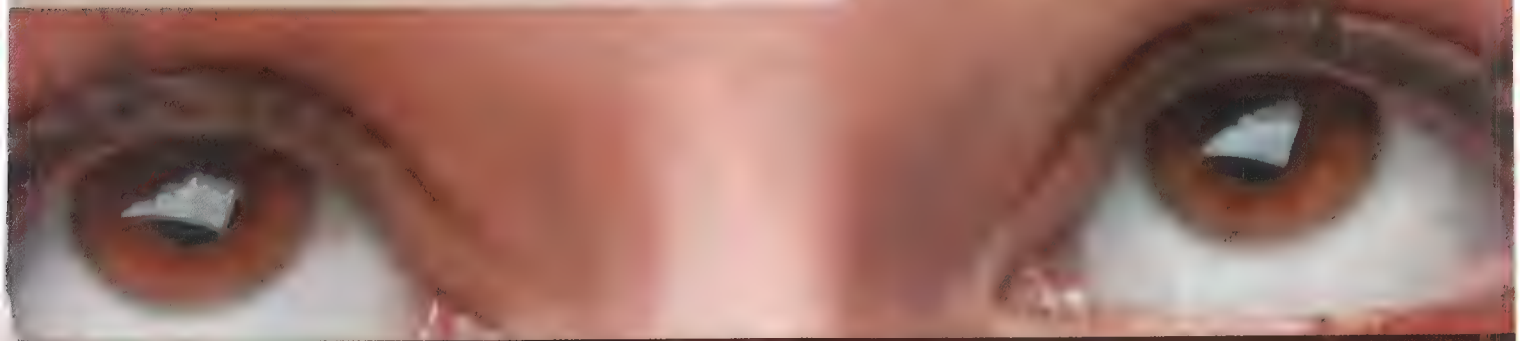

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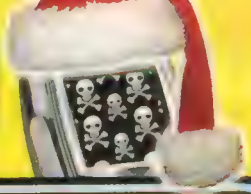

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4. Which is more eco-friendly when it comes to holiday presents: wrapping paper or gift bags?
ⓐ Wrapping paper ⓑ Gift bags

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7–8 POINTS: **spring bud**
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5–6 POINTS: **green-to-be**
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3. CERTIFIED ORGANIC The USDA sets standards that livestock and crops must meet to be considered "certified organic." Foods that are labeled "all-natural" do not have to meet specific guidelines—each brand can define what the claim means.

4. GIFT BAGS Wrapping paper is usually tossed after a single use, but it's easy to reuse gift bags. Better: Wrap gifts in old tea tins, Altoids boxes, or washed Chinese takeout containers.

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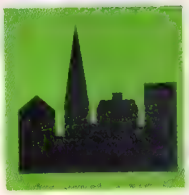

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HOLIDAY TIPS

■ **"Do as much shopping as you can at the same place—like the mall—so you don't waste gas going from place to place." *—Sydney, 15, Hulmeville, PA***

■ "Cut old holiday cards in half. Throw away the side with the handwritten message and keep the other side with the picture. Use it as a postcard greeting—or punch a hole in it and use it as a gift tag!"
—Emily, 15, Clarenville, Newfoundland

■ **"Give your friends and family gifts that don't harm the environment. Think fair trade teas and coffees; tickets to concerts, movies, and museums; or homemade breads, jams, and cookies. You can also make a donation to a cause in someone's name. You'll never again worry about your gift ending up in the back of someone's closet!"**
—Amanda, 21, College Station, TX

Wrap gifts in stuff you no longer use—like an old scarf.

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GLOBAL WARMING: An increase in the earth's average temperature that causes changes in climate patterns worldwide.

GREENHOUSE GASES: Gases (like CO_2) that trap heat in the earth's atmosphere (just like what happens in a greenhouse).

RENEWABLE RESOURCES: Resources that are always being replenished through natural processes, even as they are being consumed—like trees, water, and sunlight.

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tips from the trenches!

This past summer, our Project 2024 interns had a few "oops" moments that taught them some major work lessons. Listen up—their advice just might help *you!*

"The first time I went to court, the judge came in and everyone stood up—except me. I thought I didn't have to because I was an intern. My boss had to tell me to stand up while the judge stared at me. What a rookie mistake! It's so important to know the etiquette of your workplace."

—ALLISON SIRICA, 22, NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ANDREW CUOMO'S OFFICE

"The day my internship started, I had an early meeting at the CosmoGIRL! office. I'd Googled directions from my dorm to work, but I had no idea how to get to work from CG! I ended up having to take two trains and a crosstown bus—in the rain—and I was late my first day! Now I always plan for everything."

—MICHELLE NOLAN, 20, NEW YORK CONGRESSWOMAN CAROLYN B. MALONEY'S OFFICE

"Even though I'm an economics major, I had a hard time understanding some of the financial terms at work. But I realized you can't be afraid to admit you don't know something. Ask questions—do whatever it takes to do your best at your job."

—COURTNEY DAYNO, 20, MERRILL LYNCH (NOT PICTURED)

"This was my first job spending eight hours behind a desk. My previous jobs have been with very active eighth graders! I loved NRDC, but I learned that my career *has* to involve more person-to-person interaction—and not via e-mail! It feels really good to have figured out what I need to be happy in a job."

—AKOSUA DOSU, 20, NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

"I tried to build as many relationships as possible. Taking the time to invite coworkers to lunch or for a coffee break, or just stopping by someone's office to chat for 10 minutes, made people more willing to give me advice. I also had greater access to cool projects as a result."

—MEG GREENHALGH, 21, SAATCHI & SAATCHI

"Learning how to make myself sit down and work on a project that wasn't due for two months was a challenge. I have quite a hard time with that in school! The trick was to break down the project into smaller pieces that I could do in a few hours or a day, and just keep going from there!"

—THERESE MIRANDA, 20, UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION-USA

"When you have to work late, like I often did, the most important thing is to stay positive and focused. It was hard to juggle family, work, and social life with my hours, but I put myself on a schedule and eliminated private e-mails, calls, and IMing at work. And it worked out!"

—MELISSA OWUMI, 22, NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA)

"Obviously, everyone wants to do glamorous, exciting work. But it's important to realize that at every job there are tedious tasks to be done too. Showing that I was willing to help out in any way possible, even if that meant spending hours filing, encouraged my supervisor to give me bigger, more important jobs."

—SAMANTHA KLEINMAN, 21, J RECORDS

WANT TO BE A PROJECT 2024 INTERN? TURN TO PAGE 160 TO APPLY FOR NEXT SUMMER—READY, SET, GO!

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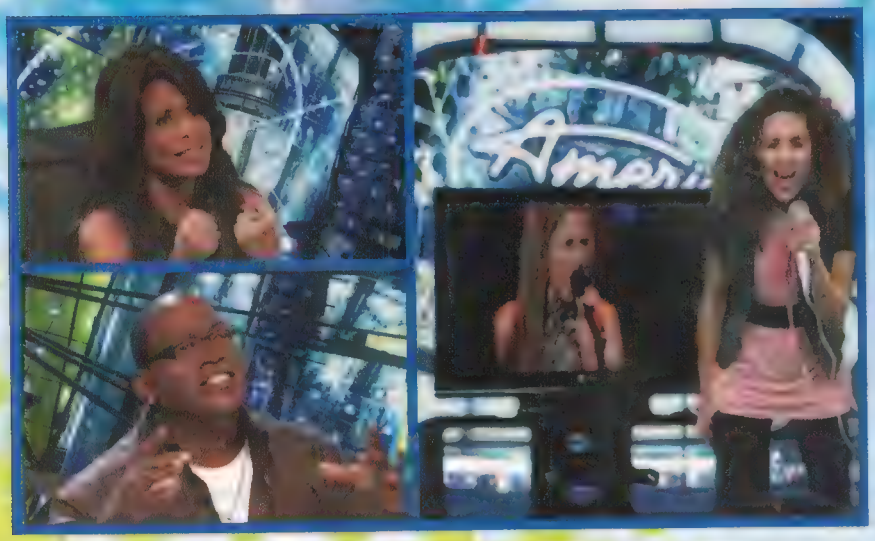

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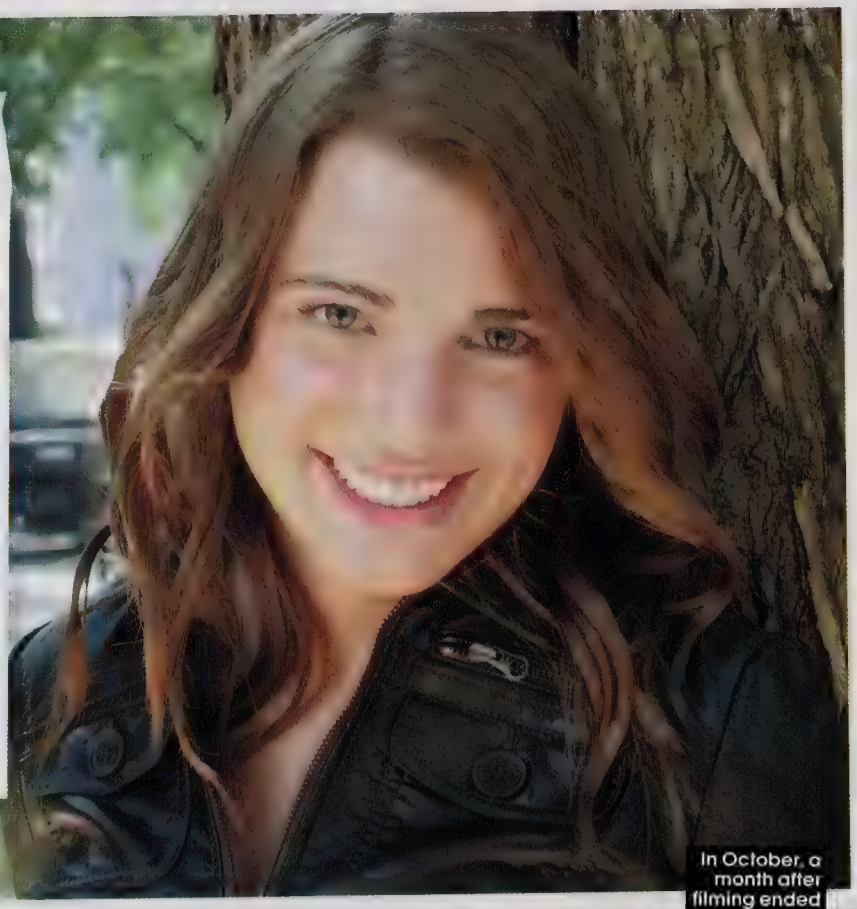
"i fell apart behind the cameras"

Rachel Jacoby, 23, signed on to a reality show to jump-start her career. But it turned out to be more than she'd bargained for.



In October, a month after filming ended

If you had asked me a year ago if I would ever be on reality TV, I would have laughed. In early 2007, I felt like I was on top of the world. I'd started dating a guy I really liked, I was doing well at my job in New York City, and I felt pretty good about myself. But when I signed on to star in a reality show, that all changed.

HIGH HOPES

Even though I was enjoying selling ads at a magazine, I'd always wanted to write for one instead. One day in February 2007, I saw an online posting for a fashion assistant job at a major magazine, so I e-mailed my résumé to the contact. A day later, I got a call back, but not for an interview like I'd expected. Instead, I was told I needed to do a screen test. Turns out, the listing was part of a casting call for a show called *The Fashionista Diaries*, in which six assistants would be filmed working in the fashion industry; two would work at a magazine. I was surprised but decided to do the test just for kicks—what were the odds they'd pick me? I'd spent my college years wearing sweatpants—not Prada. My fashion sense isn't terrible, but I'm no fashionista.

But to my surprise, in May, I got a call from a producer offering me a spot on the show—I'd be working at *Jane* magazine. I was thrilled about the idea of working there, but I have to be honest—I was also sucked in by the fact that by being on a show, I'd be a little bit famous. I started to envision how I'd be the "funny yet smart" character. It might be fun, I thought. So I signed on.

REALITY BITES

My elated self-esteem was shaken as soon as I met some of the other girls on the show—adorably put-together Tina, confident and classy Janjay, and super-stylish Bridget. At our first "bar meeting," where cameras filmed the six of us talking about our jobs over cocktails, I thought to myself, I don't belong here! Here were these perfectly dressed girls, and here I was—someone who wanted to *write* about fashion, not become a fashion plate. I felt ugly and under-accessorized. I don't know how to style my hair or switch my look from day to night. For the first time, I felt stupid for letting fame seduce me, and I started having major doubts about my decision. As for that guy I was dating? He bailed on our relationship because he wanted absolutely nothing to do with the show.

Things went downhill from there. During my first day "working" at *Jane*, I was visibly sobbing because of how awkward it was to be filmed as the staff shot me dubious looks. I could tell some of the editors thought I was a fraud—all they could see was someone who had signed her life away to be on a reality show, not someone who actually wanted to work with them. I felt like I wouldn't even get the chance to prove myself.

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I'd been out of college and working for a year, but now I was being referred to as an intern by blogs already buzzing about the show. We had been filming for two months before it even aired, and I was already complaining about my situation so much that my family got sick of listening to me. After all, they'd warned me that I wouldn't like being in the spotlight. As the August 1 premiere date approached, I grew even more anxious—what would people think of me? I could only hope that the producers would portray me in a positive light.

ROCK BOTTOM

A day before the first episode was slated to air, I watched a preview of it on iTunes. Mortified by how ditzy and style-challenged I seemed, I began searching for anything on the Internet referencing the show or myself to see if others felt the same. Before I knew it, I was Googling my name every 10 minutes—I became *addicted* to other people's opinions. I'm happy to say that most of the responses to me on the show were positive, citing me as the intelligent goofball, just as I'd hoped. But for every 10 positive comments, there was a hater or two, and their opinions weighed more heavily on me. A certain blog had the meanest commenters—they said that I needed to do sit-ups after an episode aired in which we went surfing in wet suits, and someone called me "Lurch's cousin" (from the *Addams Family*!). That was clearly a reference to my poor posture, which got worse because of how bad I started feeling about myself. Even beyond the bloggers, I wasn't happy with how I acted and looked on TV:

Andrew and me meeting with Susan, CG!'s editor-in-chief

If you've ever wondered what it's like to see yourself in a wet suit on TV—it's not fun!

"Why was I fixated on bloggers calling me fat or annoying?"

The original cast of the show: Nicole, Andrew, me, Bridget, Tina, and Janjay

Why did I stupidly bring up a love triangle I was a part of in high school? Why did my hair look so flat? I was terrified that potential future bosses would view me as too goofy, too ugly, or too *anything* that didn't meet their expectations. I was sure I'd ruined my future.

In the middle of filming, *Jane* magazine folded. It was devastating. I had no idea what I'd do next or what would happen with the show. But luckily, Andrew Kanakis, the other magazine assistant, and I were hired to work at CosmoGIRL! That's when *The New York Times* reviewed the show—and I hit my breaking point. Their writer called me "the smart girl with a healthy dose of self-possession." But she also wrote that I was a "healthy-looking size 8"—meaning she was pleased not everyone on the show was pin-thin. But I took it to mean that she was calling me fat. After that, I began to nitpick everything about myself, from my clothes to my speech to the body I was once proud of. I left work early that day and called my mom crying. Not knowing how the show would be edited and what I'd say on the next episode was *torture*—and being my own harshest critic, even harsher than bloggers, became the only way I felt like I could control it. By this point, my friends had stopped listening to me complain too—my best friend even told me, "Rachel, you have to relax!" I felt so isolated—which only fed my Google addiction. I was in over my head.

NEW START

After the *Times* story ran, some of the show's producers who I'd gotten close with noticed how down I'd become. They even set me up with a reality TV therapist (I didn't know those existed either!). I realized I needed to refocus. Why was I fixated on faceless bloggers calling me fat or annoying? I needed to not only quit reading the blogs, but to focus on my original objective for doing the show—to become a magazine writer, not a pseudo-celebrity. That only became clearer when a guy came up to me on the street to tell me I was his girlfriend's "favorite character." I was like, "I'm not a *character*—I'm a person!" But he made me realize that when all this was over, I would go back to just being Rachel. As the show finally wound down, I focused on learning as much as I could from my assignments at CG! and the editors there, and on setting up a real future in the industry. Now, a few months after the finale aired, I still hang out with the other cast members, and it's nice to talk without cameras catching our every word. My experience taught me that confidence has to come from how you see yourself, not what others say about you. And from now on, I'm happy to stay *behind* the scenes.

Catch *The Fashionista Diaries* reruns on SOAPnet.

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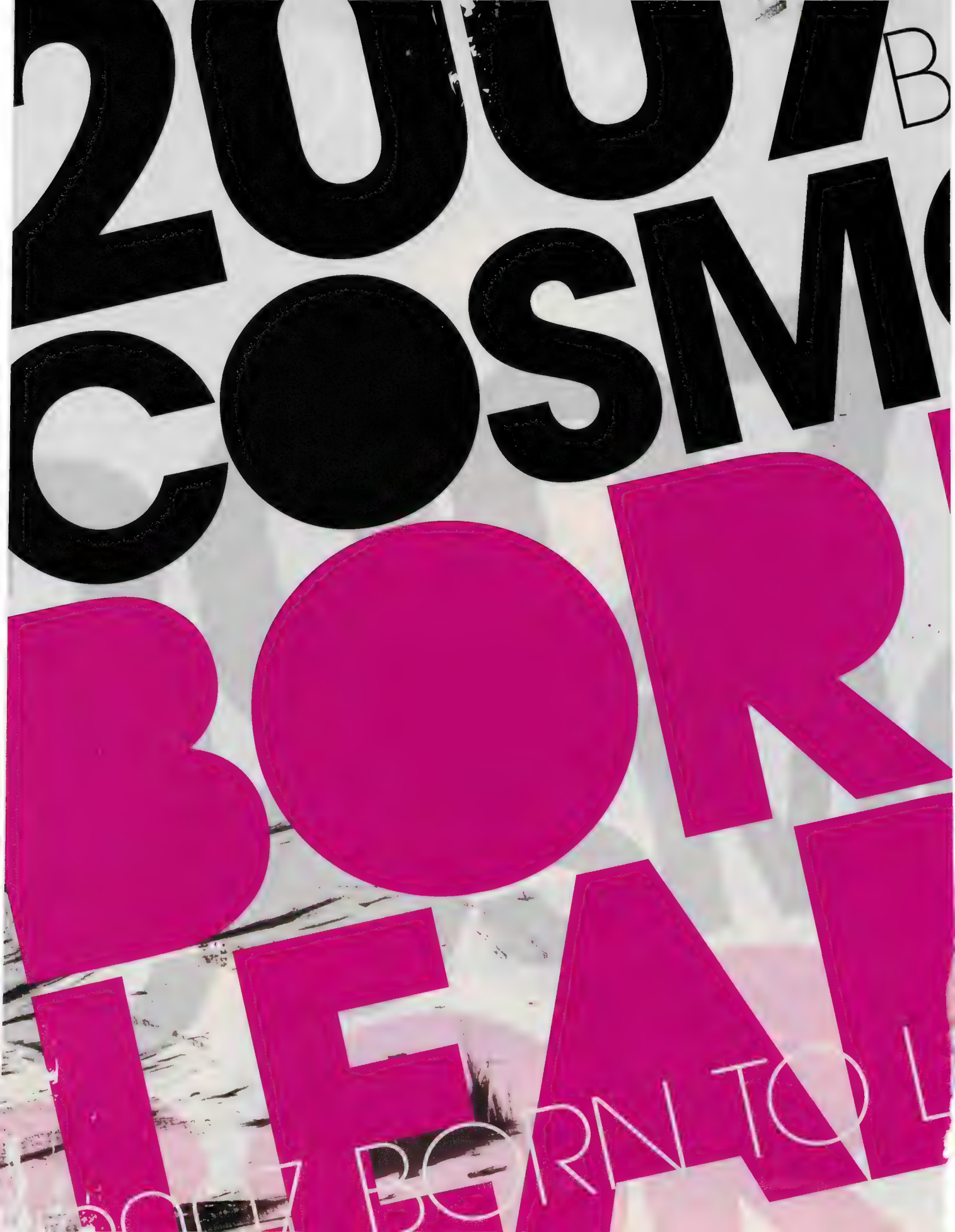
COSMO girl!

"I have a tattoo that reads 'Made From Love' because when I was younger, my parents would sing me the song 'Isn't She Lovely.' It makes me think of them."

—CASSIE, SINGER-ACTRESS, "SHINING STAR" (P. 118)

Cassie is wearing Face Stockholm Pot Gloss in Sexy (lips) and Sally Hansen Hard as Nails Xtreme Wear in Violet Sparks (nails).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ASHLEE SIMPSON
"THE SURVIVOR"
AGE: 23 HOMETOWN: WACO, TX
PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARK LIDDELL

The adage "you can't keep a good woman down" has never proven truer than in the case of Ashlee Simpson. A few years ago, after experiencing a couple of *very* public bumps in the road, most people thought this singer was down for the count. But Simpson, now 23, came back fighting, and in the past year she surprised the world by demonstrating two things: 1. No matter what some people think, her live performances can and *do* bring down the house. And 2: She's done with trying to prove herself to anyone.

Ashlee's live comeback came when she wowed theater critics and fans in her role as the vivacious Roxie Hart in London's production of the musical *Chicago* in the fall of 2006. Critics who once questioned her vocal skills and stage presence were singing a drastically different tune when they called her performance "dazzling" and "near flawless." As if that weren't enough to make Ashlee feel on top of her game, she also scored a third number one hit on *TRL* with her boxing-themed video for *Invisible* and toured the country in support of her second album, *I Am Me*. Together, that album and 2004's *Autobiography* have sold more than 5 million copies worldwide. Pretty amazing for a girl who people had all but written off not so long ago.

Thanks to her new successes, Ashlee allowed herself some time off from her jammed schedule at the start of this year. She relaxed, recharged—and took her years-long friendship with Fall Out Boy bassist Pete Wentz to a different level. Newly in love and with her confidence restored, Ashlee went into recording album number three (out in December) with a tougher, bolder attitude, stepping outside her comfort zone and working with producers like Timbaland, Chad Hugo of the Neptunes, and alt-pop artist Kenna to craft a fun, dance-party sound. The result? A new CD that showcases a stronger, more carefree Ashlee, who's doing what she wants—on her own terms.

"There was a time when what people said about me could really get to me. But working on *Chicago* helped me come into my own. We did 10-hour-a-day rehearsals, 8 shows a week. It was all about going back to my roots—singing, dancing, and acting. Theater acting is definitely frightening for me, and after I did that role I felt like I'd accomplished something. It had been a dream of mine ever since I was little, and being able to fulfill it—while playing such a fun, sassy, strong character—was amazing. It taught me to be more comfortable with myself. After *Chicago*, I got to take time off and just live my life, which was awesome. I let myself go on vacations every now and then, like to Hawaii, which I love. You know—work hard, play hard! It helped me get to a good, happy place.

"When I started recording my album, I was like, 'This time I don't feel like I have to prove myself—that's all behind me.' I definitely had a stronger vision for this record. I wrote a lot, which is something I do for all my records and something that is very important to me. But I was able to challenge myself by stepping out of the box I was in and working with new sounds and new people. That ultimately yielded some different results than what people might expect from me. People expected me to do even more of a rock record because of Pete, but I went the opposite direction. This is a fun party album, and I get to be kind of cheeky for the first time—silly and quirky, like my friends and I can be sometimes. For me, the music on this album just came naturally. I trusted my instincts, and I'm proud of the results. It's a record on which I'm saying, 'I am woman and I won't take anyone's s***.' I felt free to be fun and crazy and sexy, and that's what I did. Pete's not on this record at all—we're so different, musically. He likes to do his own thing and I do my own. He listened to it, though, as I was making it. I couldn't *not* let him listen to it! He's a great sounding board and very supportive. Pete and I complement each other. We are best friends and we encourage each other. I think that is so important in any relationship—it builds a solid foundation.

"I've gotten to the point where being credible with myself is more important to me than what anyone else says. You see photos, and people make up stories about you, but they don't really know you. There's a different side than what you see in pictures and what they make up. I'm not fazed by that anymore. This has been a good year for me, and I'm in a really creative place. I just want to keep learning and growing as a person like everyone else. I would actually like to do a clothing line one day, when I'm ready. And I'm going to look at more movie roles. I'm waiting for the right part. I want to do more small roles—start with baby steps, then grow into bigger roles. I want to do more theater too. In the past few years, my friends and I have been doing a lot of painting. My artwork tends to be strange faces, and I paint them in black with my hands. It's so much fun. You know, you don't have to be good at something to do it. You just need to embrace the beauty in imperfections. I've learned that you can't be afraid to try new things, because that's how you grow and learn what you're best at. You have to fail to win."

"I DON'T FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO PROVE MYSELF—THAT'S ALL BEHIND ME. ON THIS ALBUM, I FELT FREE TO BE FUN AND CRAZY AND SEXY. I TRUSTED MY OWN INSTINCTS, AND I'M PROUD OF THE RESULTS."

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MOLLY CLARK-BAROL

"THE TRAILBLAZER"

AGE: 21 HOMETOWN: FALMOUTH, MA

Molly is the winner of the $10,000 BEINGGIRL.COM BORN TO LEAD GRANT

Yale University senior Molly Clark-Barol has always been concerned about cancer—after all, her mother, father, and grandmother are all survivors of the disease. And her grandfather died of pancreatic cancer. So when Molly discovered that Yale's student health insurance plan did not cover the cost of the $360 vaccine against the human papillomavirus—which can lead to cervical cancer—she was outraged. About 70 percent of cervical cancer cases are caused by the virus that the vaccine wards off. But under the school's health plan, many students couldn't afford it. So Molly started a petition demanding that the Yale University Health Services subsidize the cost. Over 1,300 students signed it! The petition, along with numerous meetings, convinced the administration to change its policy. As of this fall, students pay only a small copayment. Because of Molly's tenacity, Yale is known as the only college of its size to subsidize the cost of the vaccine from its own budget.

"It took some dialogue to convince the administration, but it was worth it. Students from other colleges are now calling me to find out what we did so they can get their schools to cover the shots too. My mom and dad are incredibly proud of me. It feels good to know that maybe I won't be the next statistic in my family."

PHOTOGRAPH BY KAYT JONES

SENIOR SITTINGS EDITOR: LISA WONG

PHOTO, ADAM COURTNEY

As the daughter of actress and activist Susan Sarandon, Eva Amurri not only caught the acting bug—proving her talent in movies like *Saved* and the upcoming *In Bloom*—but the activist bug too. She knew she'd never be content if *all* she focused on was Hollywood. So when the United Nations Association-USA invited her to be a goodwill ambassador for its HERO program (in partnership with CosmoGIRL!) and help African children affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, Eva jumped at the chance to get involved. In July, she traveled to Namibia to help build dorms where students could stay instead of having to walk eight miles to school each day. Touched by the kids, Eva now sends them care packages of clothes, blankets, and school supplies.

"In our culture, it's easy to become focused on our outward appearance, but the kids I visited didn't have that luxury. They were intrigued with our digital cameras because many of them didn't have mirrors—so some of them had never even seen what they looked like! At times we all tend to fixate on small things, like some flaw we see in our looks, or our weight. I've found that if you do things to help others, you use the energy you *would've* spent obsessing over something trivial to help make the world a better place. I'm really excited by the movies I've made this year and for what lies ahead in my career, but I was raised by people who taught me that the world is bigger than 'the business.' That's how I want to live my life."

Pailin is the winner of the COSMOGIRL! BORN TO LEAD DESIGN SEARCH, which includes a $10,000 grant from Macy's

PAILIN NITIBHON

"THE VISIONARY"

AGE: 22 HOMETOWN: BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NJ.

Growing up, Pailin Nitibhon would visit her cousin in Thailand and watch her sketch anime cartoons for hours. She loved the faces with the oversized, glossy eyes. Those drawings inspired her to create her own whimsical designs of dresses and consider a career in fashion. But when she told people close to her she wanted to be a designer, they saw it as a phase—even her teachers felt that fashion wasn't a serious career. Pailin refused to give up on her dream, so when she graduated from high school, she moved to New York City and enrolled in the Fashion Institute of Technology. In May, that decision paid off—big-time! Pailin's collection of Victorian-esque pieces, inspired by storybook illustrations of fairies, won CG!'s Born to Lead Design Search. She's also designed her own collection for the clothing line Necessary Objects, available in Macy's for the holidays. And now that she's graduated, Pailin has scored her first official job, as an assistant designer at Anthropologie. Now *that's* a fairy-tale ending!

"In high school, kids didn't take my passion for design seriously. But I didn't let that discourage me. At FIT, I met people who understood me. I'm not just making 'a coat'—it's a reflection of my personality. I see the whole process of creating clothes as a journey. I'm excited to start my career, and I'm glad I believed in myself!"

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SENIOR SITTINGS EDITOR, LISA WONG. HAIR AND MAKEUP, MILLY VUE. COAT, PAILIN NITIBHON.

PHOTO, ISLAND DEF JAM

If you had to imagine Fall Out Boy's list of priorities, it would probably include stuff like, "having another sold-out tour" and "making more multiplatinum albums." But a less expected—yet equally important—priority of theirs is reaching out to the children of war-torn Uganda. This July, the band (above, from left: guitarist Joe Trohman, 23, bassist-lyricist Pete Wentz, 28, vocalist-guitarist Patrick Stump, 23, and drummer Andrew Hurley, 27) traveled to the East African country with the nonprofit group Invisible Children (invisiblechildren.com) to raise awareness about the thousands of kids who are displaced or abducted and forced to serve as soldiers in the country's bloody, two-decades-long civil war. Wanting to put a face on the crisis, the band filmed their video "I'm Like a Lawyer With the Way I'm Always Trying to Get You Off (Me & You)" in Africa. The plot, which is a love story about two Ugandan teens, shows that even during a time of crisis, people still manage to fall in love. Here, Pete talks about the band's mission.

"I get it that people follow us around with cameras, and that's kind of what we signed up for. But I figured there are places people could follow us—where they *aren't* taking pictures. In Uganda, you get a sense that the kids are exactly like you, only they happened to be born in a different country and situation. Whatever you might imagine it's like in Africa, the displacement camps are even worse—they're extremely crowded and there's violence. At times we were actually scared for our lives. The things you care about there are *very* different; we couldn't pull up some Internet bio and expect someone to care who we were. The whole experience brought out something more human in us. The original plan was to document the crisis in a 'Fall Out Boy goes to Africa' way, but that didn't feel real enough, so instead we filmed a love story so people could see what it's really like to live there. We didn't want to *tell* people what was going on—we wanted them to be *affected* by it, the way we were."

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SARAH AND EMILY BUDER

"THE RESCUERS"

HOMETOWN: MILL VALLEY, CA

Olivia Gardner has epilepsy, a neurological condition that gives her seizures. After she had one in middle school, classmates bullied her so cruelly that she switched schools. But she couldn't escape the taunting—her new school was in the same town, and rumors about her seizure in class followed her. Her new peers created an "Olivia Haters Club" MySpace page and wore "Die Olivia" bracelets. Olivia fell into a depression and contemplated suicide. Meanwhile, Sarah and Emily Buder, sisters who lived nearby, read a story in *The San Francisco Chronicle* about Olivia's situation. The girls knew they had to help. After explaining to the reporter what they wanted to do, they got Olivia's contact information. They called her mom and asked permission to start a letter writing campaign called Olivia's Letters. Hundreds of supportive notes from their classmates poured in. Newspapers picked up the story and people all over the world heard about the project. Soon, the girls had received 4,500 letters—from as far away as Japan! The sisters sent them to Olivia each week for 16 weeks. As Olivia read them, she regained confidence—and made new friends. Now they all speak at schools about the consequences of bullying and how standing up for someone can change a life.

EMILY, 17 (MIDDLE): "When we read about Olivia, we felt terrible. She didn't do anything to warrant that cruelty; it was unbelievable. We couldn't just sit there and not do anything."

OLIVIA, 15 (RIGHT): "I'm not depressed anymore, but I read the letters whenever I start to doubt myself. When I tell my story to middle schoolers, I'm taking my experience and helping others."

SARAH, 15 (LEFT): "Seeing how many letters came in proved that for every bad person, there are five good people."

JORDIN SPARKS

AGE 17 HOMETOWN: GLENDALE, AZ

"THE RISING STAR"

From the way Jordin Sparks owned every song she sang onstage, you'd never know her path to becoming this year's American Idol wasn't all smooth sailing. When Jordin first auditioned for *Idol* in Los Angeles, she got sent home. But she wasn't going to let a little rejection stop her. She entered—and won—a singing contest in her hometown. The prize? A trip to the *Seattle* tryouts. The rest is history in the making! Not only is Jordin the youngest contestant ever to win *Idol*, but this year marked a record number of votes cast for the finale—a whopping 74 million. Jordin's first single, the powerful "Tattoo," is a bona fide hit, and her first album, out now, promises to be the same. It would be easy for Jordin to let her skyrocketing success—and the public criticism of her weight—change the way she sees herself. But her goal remains firmly in check: to make music that people can blast out of their car windows!

"It was crazy seeing all the stuff people in the media were saying about me—like how I should lose 40 pounds or be this way or that way. There were times when I felt so ugly, but other days, I'd just be like, 'You know, I'm content being who I am.' And on those days, I was just *happier*. If you change yourself, you need to do it because *you* want to, not because people tell you to. On the show, my style became more put-together, but I'm still just a quirky 17-year-old who wants to sing till I'm old and gray. That hasn't changed. I'm just going to stay who I am and hope people like it."

SAVANNAH WALTERS

"THE ENVIRONMENTALIST"

AGE: 13 HOMETOWN: TAMPA, FL

When Savannah Walters was in the second grade, she learned about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, an Alaskan animal sanctuary that the government wanted to drill into for oil. Worried that the animals living there would lose their homes, Savannah became dedicated to gas conservation. At just 8 years old she started Pump 'Em Up, an organization that encourages people to pump up their tires. By driving on fully inflated tires, drivers use less gasoline and reduce their gas bill by about 5 percent. With the knowledge that Americans waste millions of gallons of gas a day driving on underinflated tires, Savannah set out to spread the word by distributing thousands of donated tire gauges and educating thousands of people on her Web site, **pumpemup.org**. Now she's working to pass a Florida law that'll require all gas stations to provide free air compressors. That's no hot air!

"People think of environmental activists as crazy types who chain themselves to trees. But I'm just a normal kid. I love being outside. I don't want to live in a disgusting world without fresh air. We all need to respect the planet. It doesn't matter if you're famous or rich, or how young you are. It actually helps to be young—people are so surprised by your age that they listen better. People have said that I'm a hero for the environment. But I've also faced people who've said, 'You can't get all Americans to properly inflate their tires.' To them I say, 'Well, I can *try*.'"

SENIOR SITTINGS EDITOR, LISA WONG. HAIR AND MAKEUP, SONOMI OBINATA FOR NARS

PHOTOGRAPH BY KAYT JONES

JONAS BROTHERS

"THE ADVOCATES"

HOMETOWN: [illegible]

It's been quite a year for the Jonas Brothers. The pop-rock band released a chart-topping second album, played a sold-out headlining tour, and joined forces with Miley Cyrus for a stadium tour. *And* the brothers—who got their first record deal in 2005 and grew up with dreams of making it big—started filming the spy comedy series *J.O.N.A.S.* and the movie *Camp Rock*, both to air on the Disney Channel in '08. But their success doesn't mean they're immune to obstacles. After Nick lost 15 pounds in just two weeks during their 2005 tour, he was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, a lifelong illness in which the body stops producing insulin, the hormone that regulates blood sugar. Now Nick, Joe, and Kevin are reaching out to fans who have the disease with meet-and-greets during their tour and through their nonprofit, Change for the Children Foundation. Aw, brotherly love!

NICK, 15 (MIDDLE): "It can be hard to live with diabetes, but it's cool that I can tell my story and be a light in a dark world for other kids who have it and feel different and alone."

JOE, 18 (LEFT): "We're a band, but we're brothers first. During shows, you'll see Kevin and me onstage glancing over to make sure Nick's okay."

KEVIN, 20 (RIGHT): "We've had struggles, but we're still so blessed. I can't believe it when I see all our fans at the shows. We even had tour jackets made that say, 'Jonas Brothers: Living the dream, baby, living the dream.'"

SENIOR SITTINGS EDITOR, LISA WONG. HAIR AND MAKEUP, YUKO TAKA[illegible]

Tara Suri always considered herself lucky. Growing up in an Indian family, her relatives often spoke of how most girls in India couldn't pursue careers or marry for love, as she could in America. Tara's aunt told her about an orphanage in Chennai, India, where abandoned girls—some found in garbage dumps—are sent. Tara was horrified and knew she had to do something to help those Indian orphans—girls *and* boys—pursue their dreams.

At 13, Tara started Helping Orphans Pursue Education (H.O.P.E.) and began raising money by selling cupcakes and Indian items at her school; she made $3,000! She wrote to the orphanage's director and asked if she could bring the money to him herself to ensure its safe delivery; he agreed, and the money helped build a new dormitory for the orphans. Once Tara met the children herself and saw the poverty they lived in, she raised $12,000 more for their education and well-being, and she began helping another orphanage in southern Sudan. This fall, Tara launched **aandolan.org** (*aandolan* means "social movement for change" in Hindi) to help other teens start service projects.

"In the orphanage in India, I saw children sleeping under a thatched roof—literally, four sticks holding up a palm leaf cover—that could blow away in a storm. When I returned the next year, in its place was a beautiful new dormitory, with walls and a floor! I'd never been so happy to see walls. Changing these children's lives and helping them get an education makes me feel like I exist for a purpose."

BLACK AND SILVER CAMI, HANKY PANKY.

SHINING STAR

RICH, SHIMMERY MAKEUP WILL KEEP YOU GLOWING THROUGH THE DARK DAYS OF WINTER. HERE, SINGER CASSIE SHOWS YOU HOW TO GET THIS OPULENT LOOK.

BY JENNIFER GOLDSTEIN. PHOTOGRAPHS BY PHILIPPE SALOMON

PURPLE HAZE

"I love how dramatic this looks, and the purple shadow is so rich."

Line your lash lines with purple metallic shadow, then apply gold shadow to the inner half of your lids and creases (try **Urban Decay Eye Shadows in Flash and Chains**, $16 each, sephora.com). Next, apply the purple shadow to the outer half of your lids, blending the color up and out to a point. Finish by sticking your lips with a shimmery caramel gloss.

ROYAL FLUSH

"I wear bronzer in the summer, but for winter I think this pretty pink blush is better."

Brush the apples of your cheeks with a shimmery, bright pink blush, then blend the color over your cheekbones and back toward your temples (try **Pop Beauty Blush Cakes in Pretty in Pink, $19, sephora.com**). Apply a shimmery silver-pink lip gloss (try **CoverGirl WetSlicks Fruit Spritzers in Berry Splash, $6, at drugstores**).

RED SLEEVELESS TOP WITH FLOWERS, JENNY HAN. OPPOSITE PAGE: GRAY SHEER TOP, REBECCA TAYLOR. GOLD SKULL RING, DISNEY COUTURE. RHINESTONE LION RING, BETSEY JOHNSON.

DIAMOND GIRL

"Dark lips always look cool, and I love the metallic finish on this nail polish."

Line and fill in your lips with a wine lip pencil (try **Wet n Wild Crème Lip Liner Pencil in Wine**, $1, at drugstores), then slick on a wine gloss (try **L'Oréal Paris HIP High Intensity Pigments Lip Gloss in Coy**, $9, at drugstores). Apply two coats of metallic lavender polish (try **Sally Hansen Hard as Nails Xtreme Wear in Violet Sparks**, $3, at drugstores).

pssst...

We know Cassie from back in the day—she modeled for CG! when she was just 15! Now, at 21, she's famous for her 2006 hit song "Me & U," and she's launching a movie career. In February, check out her screen debut in *Step Up 2 the Streets* and her second album.

Creative director: Jacqueline A[illegible]-Fabrenbac
Beauty and fitness director: Molly Nover[illegible]ker
Senior sitting editor: Lisa W[illegible]
Hair: Cesar Ramirez for kenbarboza.com using L'Oréal Professionnel
Makeup: Charlotte Willer for Christian Dior Art Department
Manicure: H[illegible]ey for Dior at Fa[illegible]

short and pleat

Magenta satin mini skirt, MNG Chain, $45, 212-334-8276; Black satin Blazer, DKNY Jeans Junior, $88, dkny.com; Cherry pleated dress, Forever 21, $18, Forever21.com; Pink tulle mesh pleated shorts (inset), Lulu's Sweetheart, 214-772-745-5820; Black ribbed leggings, American Apparel, $36, americanapparel.net

little bow peep

Pink satin dress with bow, As U Wish, $60, modcloth.com; Black vinyl/fur leggings, American Apparel, $42, americanapparel.net; Black boots with silver detail, Patricia Field for Payless, $39, payless.com.

CDI BEAUTY TIP: Go pink from head to toe! Try one of Shiseido's Integrate Wet Lacquer in Shocking Pink Lip Cherry, $18, sqi.com.

la vie en rose

The sweetest of colors isn't just for ballerinas anymore. These edgy styles in eye-popping pinks are raising the bar on high fashion. Wear them with your blackest of blacks (tutu is optional) and your look will be on pointe!

Photographs by Tagry Naderzad

to the
tee

Pink tutu & white turtle neck, Urban Attic, $40, 877-4-URBAN; Pink tutu with gold glitter, Talula.com, $150, talula.com; White tutu (worn underneath), Dress Up Tutu & Dance Wear, $115, dressuptutu.com; Gold metal belt, Forever 21, $11, forever21.com; Black metallic leggings, American Apparel, $42, americanapparel.net; Black glitzy booties with bow, Jessica Simpson Footwear, $110

pretty fun
your thoughts
Fire beaded dress with tulle ruffles, Torrid, 53rd. 866-3-TERAM; Texas tie-neck blouse, Forever 21, 51st, forever21.com; Bisou Metallic leggings, American Apparel, 542, americanapparel.net; Limited edition black vintage boots, Report, $110, ; Black enamel ring, Ajay, 513 ; Jewelry

pinking
of you

Biker chic

PROP STYLING, RICHIE OWINGS AT DE FACTO.

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WE FOUND TONS OF COOL STUFF FOR *EVERYONE* IN YOUR LIFE—INCLUDING STOCKING STUFFERS, DIY GIFTS, AND EVEN ITEMS THAT LET YOU GIVE BACK TO CHARITY WHILE SHOPPING! SO MAKE YOUR LIST, CHECK IT TWICE, AND HIT THE MALL NOW (SO YOU CAN SPEND MORE TIME HITTING THE SLOPES LATER)!

Pink and navy striped bracelet, iCare by High IntenCity, $14, highintencity.com
* TEXT STRIPE TO 467467
Slatkin & Co. Jingle Bell Candles, $8 each, Bath & Body Works
* TEXT JINGLE TO 467467
Pink and black makeup bag, Betseyville by Betsey Johnson, $20, macys.com
CrazyLibellule and the Poppies solid perfumes, $16 each, amazon.com
* TEXT POP TO 467467
Better World scarf, American Eagle Outfitters, $20, ae.com
* TEXT SCARF TO 467467
Jeweled iPod armband, $15, fashionation style.com
HoMedics Quad massager, $10, homedics.com
* TEXT MASSAGE TO 467467
Stella by Stella McCartney Eau de Parfum Roll-On, $13, sephora.com
* TEXT STELLA TO 467467
Momiji message dolls, $15, firebox.com
Little Black Book plush dog toy, D.O.G. Pet Boutique, $12, dogpet boutique.com
* TEXT DOGS TO 467467
Silver charm necklace, Mark, $18, meetmark.com
* TEXT CHARM TO 467467
Boy shorts in lollipop packaging, Juicy Couture, $18 each, juicycouture.com
* TEXT JUICY TO 467467
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JUICY COUTURE

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Mark Self Sanctuary Mini Shower Washes Gift Set, $9, meetmark.com
*TEXT MARK TO 467467
mark.
St. Jude Patient Artwork Alarm Clock, $18, stjude.org
Gray monkey-print boxers, Gap, $13, gap.com
*TEXT GAP TO 467467
E.L.F. The Collection lip glosses, eye shadows, bronzers, brushes, and more, $10, eyeslipsface.com
Victoria's Secret Beauty Rush Body Glimmer Swirl Creams, $12 each, victoriassecret.com
*TEXT GLIMMER TO 467467
Poochi Sushi dog treats, $16, creature comfortstm.com
POOCHI SUSHI
Canine California Roll
Printed journals, Dauphine Press, 2 for $14 for small, $12 for large, dauphinepress.com
*TEXT JOURNAL TO 467467
Deer key cap, Deerly-Lou By Sanrio, $5, sanrio.com
*TEXT DEER TO 467467
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
High School Musical/East High Yearbook, $10, target.com
Black coin purse, Femme Sud, $15, femmesud.com
*TEXT COINS TO 467467
inheritance
Harry & David ornament boxes, 3 for $30, harryanddavid.com
St. Jude Choxie truffle tiles, $10, target.com
Mini string-doll key chains, Karmaloop, $10 each, karmaloop.com
*TEXT DOLLS TO 467467

STOCKING STUFFERS

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Felt flower bracelet—perfect for a friend who loves color

Coconutty no-bake snowballs (we're *obsessed* with these!)

A ribbon-accented tank top is sweet and simple.

It doesn't get more personal than hand-appliquéd underwear!

Not-so-chilly ice candles will keep you warm when it's snowing outside!

Skip the chocolate coins and make sweet and salty spinning dreidels!

Andrew from *The Fashionista Diaries* created these tie-dyed high-tops!

Colorful jeweled cuff bracelets

Makeup brush roll—a must-have for a makeup-aholic!

DREIDELS, SNOWBALLS, GINGERBREAD PIZZAS, AND SNOWFLAKES, LARA ROBBY; FOOD STYLING, MICHELLI KNAUER. CANDLE, SNEAKER, BRUSH ROLL, PILLOWS, LIP GLOSSES, POM POM SOCKS, AND BATH GEL, MARKO METZINGER/STUDIO D; TANK TOP, UNDERWEAR, BRACELETS, FELT BRACELET, SLIPPERS, BOX, AND BAG, XAVIER BRUNET. STYLING, MAI TRAN. SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA FOR TESTING OUR RECIPES (CIACHEF.ORG).

Jewelry-memento box to hold your most prized possessions!
Get these pink massage slippers from HoMedics ($20, bedbathandbeyond.com), then customize them with rhinestones! *TEXT SLIPPERS TO 467467
Mini gingerbread pizzas with peppermint and gummy candy toppings
Treat Mom to a spa day with bath jelly you made just for her.
Channel Chanel with this bright satin evening bag with a chain-link wrist strap.
BATH JELLY
To use as bath gel, place a small amount under running water. Or, grab a scoop and use it like shower gel.
Make someone's feet happy with Old Navy pom-pom socks (2 for $5, oldnavy.com) and homemade peppermint foot lotion bars!
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Flavored glosses—tasty lip candy!
Monogrammed and vintage-y scarf pillows are always classy gifts.
Tortilla snowflakes with chocolate and sugar are totally addictive!

DO IT YOURSELF!

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Space NK Ultimate Experience in Enrapture (eau de toilette, bath tablets, bath oil, and more in a floral scent), $70, spacenk.com
St. Jude golf balls, $24, stjude.org
Pink ID and key holder, Victoria's Secret Pink, $25, vspink.com
* TEXT PINK TO 467467
Tarte We Wish You Wealth Palette, $52, sephora.com
* TEXT TARTE TO 467467
Flyboy sunglasses, Adidas Originals, $150, adidas.com
Monopoly game, Juicy Couture, $58, juicycouture.com
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Purple leather bag, Jill Stuart, $275, nordstrom.com
* TEXT JILL TO 467467
Prada purse spray, $65, sephora.com
Chuck Taylor All Star Mond It Yarn sneakers, Converse (product) RED, $75, converse.com
Jeweled heart necklace, Tarina Tarantino, $275, tarinatarantino.com
* TEXT HEART TO 467467
Gray snowflake sweater, Le Tigre, $78, letigreusa.com
* TEXT SNOW TO 467467
Silver dog tags with red heart, D&G, $95, dolcegabbana.it
Paris photo book, Assouline, $50, assouline.com
* TEXT PARIS TO 467467
Hot Hugs aromatherapy stuffed animals, $36, aromahome.com

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FAB GIFTS FOR EVERYONE

Clear vinyl bag with sketch, Marc by Marc Jacobs, $138, eluxury.com; Red and white blanket, Old Navy, $10, oldnavy.com
iCat (moves with music!), $30, firebox.com
Poker table flip-flops, Reef, $40, reef.com
Pink and black thermal top, Primp, $88, nordstrom.com *TEXT PRIMP TO 467467
Fruits & Passion Homme Gift Set with eau de toilette, shower gel, and aftershave, $38, fruits-passion.com *TEXT HOMME TO 467467
Ice cream–making ball, $30, firebox.com
Rubber watch in blue or red, Camilla Dietz Bergeron, $65, 212-794-9100
YSL Love Collection Multi-Usage Make-Up Palette, $67, at department stores *TEXT PAL TO 467467
Purple flannel pants, $38; Silk slippers, $68; Eye mask, $24; all Banana Republic, bananarepublic.com
Peppermint Drinking Chocolate with marshmallow sticks, $24, saxonchocolates.com
Dior Diorlight necklace, $90, at department stores
Dale and Thomas Popfection Box, $50, daleandthomas popcorn.com

CABBIE CHIC

Hailing a taxi in Times Square during rush hour? Fuhgeddaboudit! But Meg has a secret: She knows that with a flashy dress under her sophisticated black blazer, taxi drivers will stop to hail *her!*

Blazer, BB Dakota, $80, upagainstthewall.com; Silver paillette minidress, Paris Hilton Collection, $128, nordstrom.com; Black Lurex scarf, Charlotte Russe, $7, charlotte-russe.com; Silver and black cheetah necklace, Axxcent, $15, lulusfashionlounge.com.

IT GIRL

Being so hot right now = parties, dinners, and more parties. But Meg can handle it. All it takes is a carelessly cool style (and an attitude to match)! PHOTOGRAPHS BY HILARY WALSH

TASTY DELIGHT

It was fashion week in NYC, and after a long day at the tents, Meg was hungry for some steak frites. In her très chic top and black beret, it was *Meg* who was the perfect Parisian dish!

Black and gold sequined top, Red by Marc Ecko, $39, macys.com; Black beret, Forever 21, $11, forever21.com; Black, gold, and silver multi-chain necklace, Betsey Johnson, $60, nordstrom.com; Gold square bracelet, Betsey Johnson, $95, betseyjohnson.com.

CITY SLICKER

Suddenly, Meg got a text from DJ AM: "Party 2night @ The Plumm. B there." She ran home to change, slipping into head-to-toe metallics that she knew would light up the dance floor.

Purple sequined top, Bebe, $139, bebe.com; Silver metallic skinny jeans, Paris Hilton Collection, $98, macys.com; Black fedora, Goorin Bros., $50, goorin.com; Silver beaded necklace, Forever 21, $7, forever21.com; Black stone ring, Claire's, $7, claires.com; Black square stone ring, Charlotte Russe, $5, charlotte-russe.com; Navy lace-up booties, Nine West, $99, ninewest.com.

BETTER OFF RED

Meg fell in love with the fierce red dress her friend Jen wore to the club. In the morning, she borrowed it for breakfast at Balthazar in Soho. She added her own "Meg" flair with Grecian-style ankle boots and bold purple tights.

Red dress, $20; Black belt, $8; Gold chain necklace, $9; all Forever 21, forever21.com; Gold unicorn necklace, Girlprops.com, $13, girlprops.com; Gold chain necklace (worn as a bracelet), XOXO, $28, xoxo.com; Purple opaque tights, Foot Traffic, $10, foottraffic.com; Black leather peep-toe boots, Jeffrey Campbell, $169, whatapair.com.

GOLDEN TICKET

By nightfall, Meg was ready for a costume change. She couldn't scope out the scene at Stereo in the same dress Jen had worn the night before, so she switched to a crowd-pleasing tank dress—and felt like she'd struck gold.

Tank dress with ribbon, BB Dakota, $60, karma loop.com; Tuxedo pants, DKNY Jeans, $69, dknyjeans.com; Stone bangle, K+K Creative, $17, windsorfashions.com; Gold jeweled bracelet, $7; Gold skinny bracelet, $5; both Forever 21, forever21.com.

MADE TO ORDER

After a long night of schmoozing with socialites, Meg just wanted to be comfy. So she cozied up to a solo Sunday brunch in her favorite slouchy cardigan.

Gray wool and Lurex cardigan, Le Tigre, $78, letigreusa.com; Silver sequined and ivory tunic, Charlotte Russe, $23, charlotte-russe.com; Black straw hat, Stereo Collection by Kangol, $70, kangol.com; Black chain necklace with elephant pendant, Joia Accessories, $12, lulusfashionlounge.com; Gold rhinestone ring, $6; Gold ring with white stone, $11; both Icing, icingbyclaires.com; Gold ring with bronze stone, Worthington by JCPenney, $18, jcp.com.

FADE TO BLACK

Meg was bummed that the weekend was over—until she remembered she was starting a new internship the next day. She tried on a head-to-toe black ensemble and knew it was the *perfect* outfit to make a seriously stylish statement in the morning.

Black sequined top with white collar and cuffs, Bebe, $129, bebe.com; Pleated skirt, Nicole by Nicole Miller for JCPenney, $44, jcp.com; Gray pearl necklace with star, Yochi Design, $80, 212-947-7826; Rhinestone cocktail ring, Fred Flare, 6 for $18, fredflare.com; Silver ring with heart, Icing, $11, icingbyclaires.com; Black cuff with two rhinestone rows, $6; Black cuff with three rhinestone rows, $7; Silver rhinestone bracelet, $9; all Claire's, claires.com; Tights, Hue, $11, hue.com; Suede booties, Bakers, $80, bakersshoes.com.

Creative director: Jacqueline Azria-Palombo
Hair: Andre Gunn
Makeup: Jenna Anton for Shu Uemura at See Management

GLAMOROUS

The sultry look of glossy red lips, shimmering eyes, and long lashes will make you feel fabulous at any end-of-the-year soiree. Turn to page 147 for how-tos.

MIDNIGHT MAGIC

Set the mood for an unforgettable New Year's Eve. Just pick a look, follow the makeup tricks, and be prepared to leave your friends spellbound! **By Jennifer Goldstein. Photographs by Michel Momy**

BLACK DRESS WITH PAILLETTES, SUE WONG

WILD

With this rock star makeup—neon eyes, coral lips and cheeks—no one would dare object if you took over in the DJ booth! Turn to page 147 for how-tos.

MYSTERIOUS

Charcoal eyes and glossy pink lips will make you look like a femme fatale who's playing hard to get. Turn the page for how-tos.

INNOCENT

With shimmery champagne eyes and glossy golden-pink lips, you'll look so angelic that no one will suspect you were the one banging pots in front of the neighbor's house at midnight!

BROWN DRESS WITH PEARL NECKLINE, Oscar de la Renta

Creative director: Jacqueline Azria-Palombo
Beauty and fitness director: Molly Nover-Baker
Makeup: Hector Simancas at See Management for Lancôme
Hair: Antoine Ifergan using Unite Eurotherapy at L'Atelier NYC

MOOD MAKEUP

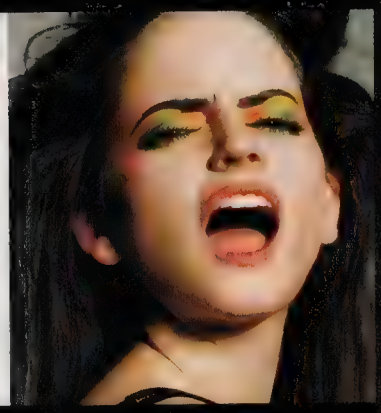
Pick the party persona you want, then get ready to celebrate like it's 2008!

GLAMOROUS

EYES: Dip a liner brush in pewter shadow and use it to line all around your eyes. Brush a shimmery beige shadow from your lash lines to your brows, then apply a cocoa shadow to the outer third of your lids, blending the color into and just above your creases (try **CoverGirl Queen Collection 4-Kit Eyeshadows in Urban Basics**, which has all three shades, $5, at drugstores). Next, apply a black thickening mascara to your top and bottom lashes (try **CoverGirl LashBlast Mascara in Very Black**, $8, at drugstores).
FACE: Dust the tops of your cheekbones near your temples with peach blush (try **Tropez Powder Blush in Sweet Peach**, $3, at drugstores).
LIPS: Line your lips with nude liner, then use a brush to apply a red lip gloss (try **Maybelline New York ShineSeduction Lip Gloss in Cherry Drizzle**, $8, at drugstores).

WILD

EYES: Apply a cantaloupe-colored eye shadow to your inner corners, from your lash lines to your brows. Next, use a liner brush to trace your lower lash lines with lime green shadow, then brush the same color on the outer two thirds of your lids, blending it up over your creases. Finish your eyes by applying a golden yellow shadow to your brow bone (try **Nyx Trio Eye Shadow in Tropical, Yellow, Lime Green**, which has all three shades, $7, nyxcosmetics.com). Coat your top and bottom lashes with black mascara.
FACE: Dust the tops of your cheekbones near your temples with coral blush (try **Prestige Blushing Duo in Tapestry**, $5, at drugstores).
LIPS: Slick your lips with a shimmery coral lip gloss (try **Sephora Ultra-Shine Lip Gloss in Coral 22**, $15, sephora.com).

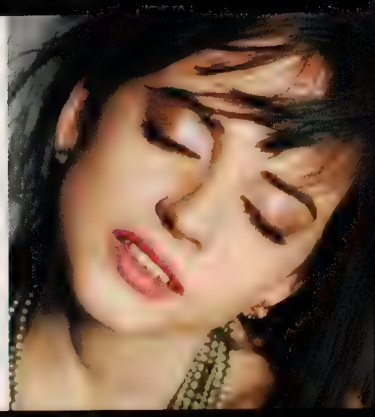


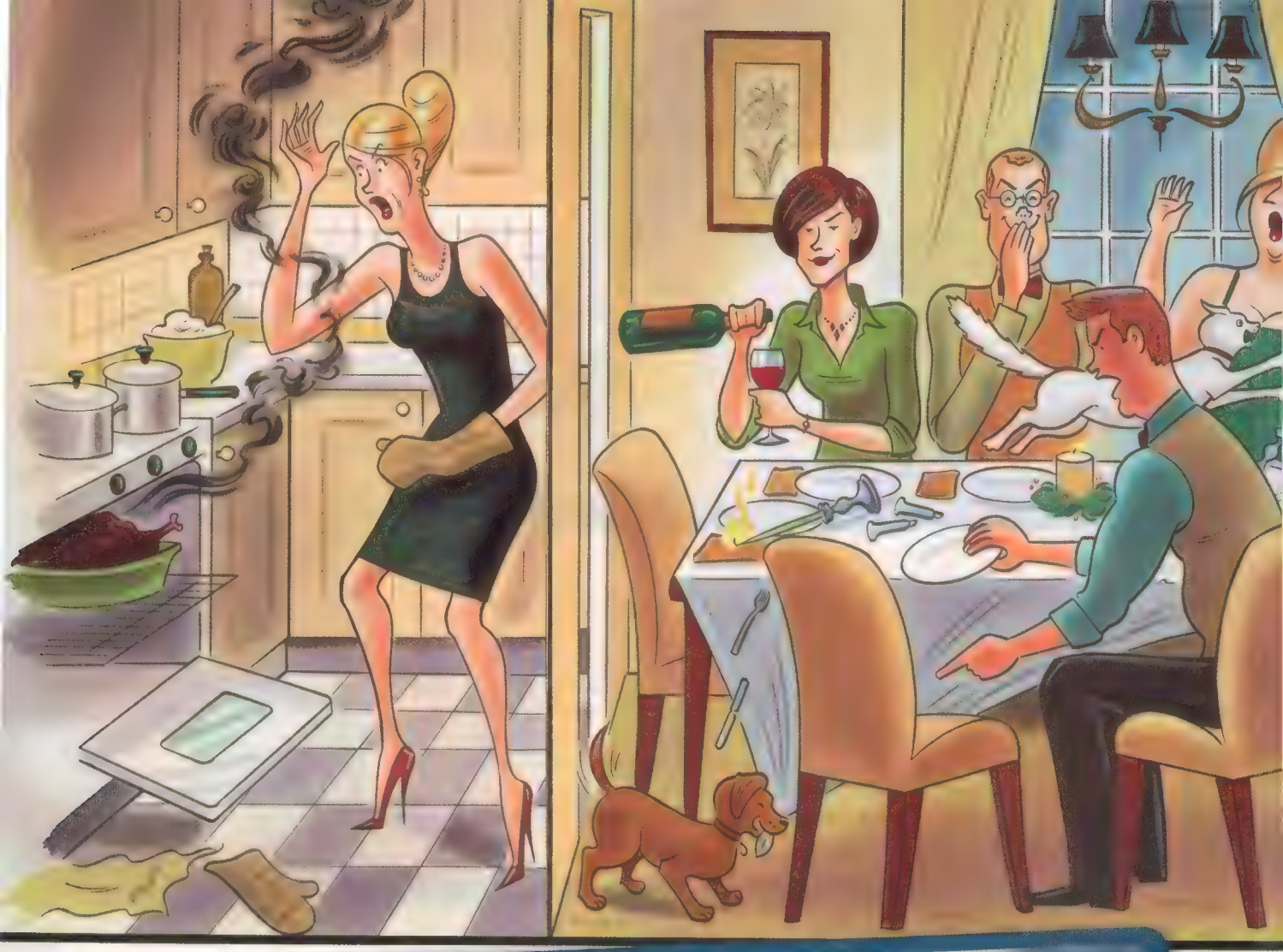
MYSTERIOUS

EYES: Line the inner rims of your top and bottom lash lines with a charcoal eye pencil. Next, use a liner brush to apply metallic charcoal cream shadow along your lower lash lines, then use a shadow brush to apply the same shade to your inner corners and from your lash lines up over your creases, blending it toward your eyebrows (try **Merle Norman Luxiva Eye Mousse in Night Frost**, $15, at merlenorman.com). Apply two coats of black thickening mascara.
FACE: Mix a pea-sized blob of luminizer (try **Laura Geller Illuminizing Color Wash**, $12, sephora.com) with your moisturizer, then use your fingers to smooth it over your skin.
LIPS: Slick your lips with a sheer, shimmery, pink lip gloss (try **L'Oréal Paris Colour Juice Sheer Juicy Lip Gloss in Bubble Gum**, $8, at drugstores).

INNOCENT

EYES: Use your finger to rub a champagne-colored cream eye shadow from your lash lines all the way to your brows (try **Rimmel All Day Wear Cream Eyeshadow in Champagne Frost**, $6, at drugstores). Next, dab a silver-gold shimmer powder on your inner corners (try **Benefit Miss Popularity Precision Highlighter**, $24, sephora.com). Finish your eyes by applying two coats of a black thickening mascara.
FACE: Keep your skin shine-free all night by using a large powder brush to dust a loose mineral powder (try **Physicians Formula Mineral Wear Talc-Free Mineral Loose Powder**, $10, at drugstores) over your cheeks, nose, chin, and forehead.
LIPS: Apply a rosy pink gloss with a hint of gold shimmer (try **Estée Lauder High Gloss Plump in Sorbet Plump**, $16, esteelauder.com).





CG! HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE

YOU LOVE THE HOLIDAYS, AND YOU LOVE YOUR FAMILY. SO WHY DO HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHERS FEEL LIKE TORTURE? DON'T WORRY—THESE CRAFTY TIPS ARE SO EFFECTIVE, THEY MIGHT BE THE BEST GIFTS YOU GET THIS YEAR!

BY JILL PERCIA • ILLUSTRATION BY MAURICE VELLEKOOP

As a kid, I always looked forward to the holidays. I'd go to my grandparents' house, gobble up gingerbread cookies, and eagerly shake my gifts, trying to guess if I got the Barbie Corvette or the Lisa Frank stationery set I'd been pining for. But as I got older, I started getting anxious when the holiday season would roll around. With the prying questions ("How did those SATs go?"), nagging chores ("Make yourself useful and do the dishes!"), and kids running around spilling various substances on my nice clothes, I began dreading the gatherings I'd once loved. I know you can relate! But there *are* ways to stop hating holiday time—and even start looking forward to it again. Read on for our tricks!

RELIEVE BOREDOM

• **MAKE A MOVIE** Grab a video camera and film everything that's going on. Not only will you be busy playing director the whole time, but after dinner everyone can view your creation instead of *A Christmas Story* for the millionth time.

• **GET CREATIVE WITH THE COUSINS** Tired of all that "adult talk"? Turn to your little cousins for some playtime! Break out a box of Crayolas and have each kid draw a family member. Then take turns guessing who everyone drew. We bet you'll like this game too!

• **PLAY DJ** Ask everyone what their favorite song is. Buy the songs on iTunes, put them on blank CDs, and give one to each of your relatives. They can pop in their party favor on the car ride home!

MASTER SMALL TALK

• **KEEP IT LIGHT** **Having a moment of awkward silence with Uncle Joe? Ask questions like, "Would you rather win $1 million today or $10 million in 10 years?" These are fun convo starters that require little effort on your part.**

• **TURN THE TABLES** **Grandma wants to talk about your "boyfriend," but you're as single as a dollar bill. Ask how she met Gramps. She'll be so excited to share, she'll forget about *your* love life!**

• **HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN** **It's good to have a backup plan to get out of *really* boring conversations. "Accidentally" spill something on yourself, then excuse yourself to clean up and change (don't forget to bring an extra shirt if you're not at home!). Voilà! You're free!**

SIMPLIFY CHORES

• **FIX A SIDE DISH** Everyone's helping prep food, and you feel useless. Come prepared! Check out our easy salsa recipe at **cosmogirl.com/holidaydip** and whip up some *very* impressive dip.

• **KEEP THE KIDS IN LINE** Stuck with the task of supervising the kids' table? No problemo! Just bring up *any* Disney Channel show (try *Kim Possible*). They'll be so into it, your relatives will be amazed at how you magically kept them in their seats through dinner!

• **PULL A CHORE SWAP** You *should* help clean up—but you *don't* have to clean the nasty turkey pan. Take on easy chores, like clearing the table or making doggie bags for everyone. You'll look busy without having to work *too* hard.

win it! Make the holidays even more fun with our CG! survival kit! Five readers will score three fun games to help liven holiday discussions: TableTopics, Would You Rather...?, and Fortune Cookie Questions. Go to **cosmogirl.com/freestuff** to enter now! See page 160.

YOUR '08 LOVE RESOLUTIONS

FORGET LAST YEAR'S BREAKUPS, JERKS, AND UNREQUITED CRUSHES. IT'S A NEW YEAR, BABY! SO DON'T JUST CHANGE THE WAY YOU LIVE—CHANGE THE WAY YOU *LOVE*. SEE HOW OTHER CG!S ARE DOING IT!

BY MARINA KHIDEKEL

PHOTOGRAPH BY ELLISTON LUTZ

He can whisper all the sweet things in the world, but there's no way he's getting me to wear that ugly hat!

We all have those things holding us back from the love life we want. In college, my thing was that syndrome where you just freeze around the guy you like, preventing you from making a move—or, you know, *moving*. My crush worked at a campus record store, and my brilliant flirting M.O. was to follow him from a distance or pass the store daily to see if he was working (I know—stalker!). If he was, I'd freeze, then scurry away—I wouldn't even go inside. But one day, I woke up to the fact that my strategy was getting me nowhere, and made a resolution to finally talk to him. I marched into the store and forced myself to ask him about a CD I wanted. He was sweet and recommended more bands that I ended up liking. We hit it off, and a few weeks later, *he* followed *me* out of the store and asked me out! It was my vow to get over my freezing disease that turned things around (and every time I've liked a guy since, I've renewed that vow to unfreeze myself). Now, for the coming year, it's time for *you* to make a life-changing, *love*-changing vow. Check out the love resolutions other CG!s have made, then write out yours in the space below. We bet things will be looking up by Valentine's Day!

10 "**I VOW TO STOP BEING JUDGMENTAL ABOUT GUYS.** Maybe the qualities I consider weird, like an offbeat sense of humor or a love of science fiction, could become the things I end up loving most about a guy." —**Kayley, 18, Wenatchee, WA**

9 "**BE LESS JEALOUS. Even if I act like it's okay for my boyfriend to have his female buddies, I secretly worry myself sick inside! I'm going to work on being less insecure by remembering that he wants to be with me—not those other girls!**" —**Courtney, 18, Doniphan, NE**

8 "**DON'T HOOK UP WITH GUYS SO QUICKLY,** especially guys I may want to have a relationship with. I've rushed into things before, and it's made it awkward for us to get to know each other afterward. So I'm going to take it slow from now on." —**Chelsey, 16, Pembroke, MA**

7 "**NEVER AGAIN LET A GUY WALK ALL OVER ME.** One of my exes always put me down and made me feel bad about myself. I convinced myself that I was *lucky* he stuck around. I realize now how messed up that was." —**Alex, 15, Oklahoma City, OK**

6 "**QUIT INVADING MY BOYFRIEND'S THINGS—like his e-mails, wallet, and cell. I can't stop wondering what he's doing or who he's talking to! I think if he doesn't constantly tell me those things that he must be doing something shady. I love him, and he hasn't given me a reason to doubt him, so I'm going to try to trust him more.**" —**Michelle, 19, Marysville, CA**

5 "**MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS.** Last year, I paid way too much attention to what my friends thought about the guys I liked and ended up missing out on some really great opportunities. In 2008, I'm going to listen to *me!*" —**Souzan, 18, Bradford, ON**

4 "**MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.** Last year, I liked a guy at school and didn't do much about it. When he started dating someone else, it really hurt. So from now on, if I like a guy, I'm going to make a move so I don't end up in that situation." —**Miranda, 15, Rosendale, WI**

3 "**STOP COMPLAINING ABOUT MY BODY TO MY BOYFRIEND.** I'm always whining about my flaws—annoying! Confidence is sexy. So even if I don't always feel it, I'll fake it." —**Laura, 18, Basking Ridge, NJ**

2 "**I VOW NOT TO BE AFRAID TO LET GUYS KNOW THE REAL ME, as opposed to the version I think they'd prefer. No more dumbing myself down or acting overly cheerful on days when I'm actually upset.**" —**Chelsea, 16, Roslyn, NY**

1 "**SPEND MORE TIME WITH MY GIRLS.** I'm so busy that it's hard to make time for both my boyfriend *and* my girlfriends, and I usually end up making time for just him. I'm going to remember that my other relationships are just as important!" —**Sarah, 17, Milford, NE**

IN 2008, I, _____ (YOUR NAME HERE) , VOW TO... _____

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"my first christmas after my parents' divorce"

I thought my mom and dad splitting up was the end of the world. But it helped me discover my own independence.

by Carolyn Mackler

I was 19 when my parents separated. That first holiday break after the divorce, when my dorm locked its doors for a month, I had no clue where to go. My mom had moved from our town in western New York to a tiny apartment in Manhattan where I had to crash on the futon. My dad was doing Christmas with my future stepmom. I was on good terms with everyone, but utterly confused about where to celebrate the holidays. It seemed like spending it with one parent would mean rejecting the other. Or maybe it would make me even lonelier for homemade stockings, cinnamon coffee cake, and sledding expeditions—the special family traditions we'd been doing for nearly two decades but that were now gone with the winter wind. Some days I longed to be a kid with a custody agreement, a court order dictating where I had to go. But most days I just wished it'd hurry up and be January already so I could be back at college, living my own life.

After much angst and several pained poems in my journal, I decided to fly to San Francisco to visit my brother. We weren't close, but he was just as screwed up about the divorce, so at the very least we could complain together.

I bought a ticket for December 25, partially because fares were cheaper and partially because 33,000 feet above earth seemed like the most neutral ground I could find. And with the color schemes aboard a plane—all the grays, beiges, and blah blues—I could be assured a six-hour reprieve from holiday cheer. On Christmas day, I boarded the jet with a Scrooge-y heart.

After takeoff, I hunched over the tray table, scribbling angrily in my journal. The East Coast went fine. The Midwest was smooth, aside from the occasional jolt of turbulence. But then, as we were cruising over the Rockies, things took an odd turn. A perky flight attendant got on the speaker and chirped, "We're doing a special holiday contest!"

I put down my pen and groaned.

Another attendant explained how they were hosting an open mic for passengers to sing Christmas carols. The perky one giggled and added that the winner would receive a bottle of champagne.

I can't even describe the annoyance I felt in that moment. I'm okay with karaoke in small doses. But being subjected to it on an airplane where the only way out is, well...there's no way out. To top it off, I didn't even have headphones to shut out the noise.

As if they'd been waiting their whole lives for this shining moment, delighted travelers began filing to the front, crooning "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman." What was going on here? I thought, slamming my journal shut. Were people really this giddy about the holidays? Bah-freaking-humbug!

The good news is that there's a finite number of Christmas songs. As the medley slowed down, I sighed in relief. But then an elderly man hobbled to the front and launched into "Silent Night" in German. He looped through "*Stille nacht, heil'ge nacht*" over and over again. Was this ever going to end? As the man sang—it must have lasted at least three states!—I cracked up at the bizarreness of it all.

Finally, the guy took a dramatic bow. The flight attendants presented him with the champagne. And I found myself cheering and clapping with the other passengers.

Shortly afterward, I landed in California and hopped a bus to my brother's place. We tossed my bags on his floor and went for a stroll through Haight-Ashbury in the dimming sunshine. When we got to Golden Gate Park, I stretched out on the grass, looked up at the sky, and thought about the fact that I was in San Francisco instead of curled in front of our fireplace, drying off from the sledding trip and inspecting my Christmas loot.

But then I remembered all those family fights, the unspoken tension, the way I assumed the role of go-between, making sure everyone (but me) was happy. And I thought about how this Christmas wasn't what I was used to, but maybe different was *good*. Maybe today was the start of my own holiday tradition. I doubted I'd choose to spend future holidays with the von Trapp family's grandfather, but then again, who knows? I liked that his performance made me laugh. Or maybe next year I'd be with one of my parents. Or maybe with college friends. Whatever it was, I was finally okay with the unknown. In fact, I was excited for it.

win it! Carolyn Mackler is the author of *The Earth, My Butt & Other Big Round Things* and *Vegan Virgin Valentine*. Twenty CGIs will win a signed copy of her latest book, *Guyaholic*. Go to **cosmogirl.com/freestuff** or see page 160.

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secrets

Some juicy bits you just *had* to spill!

string **bikini**

"I was at the beach with my boyfriend and his family, and I had my period. My tampon string kept hanging out of my suit, so when I was in the water, I secretly took my tampon out. A seagull grabbed it, flew over to my boyfriend's mom and sister, and dropped it! My boyfriend's germophobe mom made us get out of the water—she never knew it was mine!"

nuke fluke

"The morning after a sleepover, my friends and I wanted bagels, but we only had the cream cheese in tinfoil packets. The packet was hard, so I put it in the microwave to soften it, not realizing that metal shouldn't go in there. The microwave started sparking and broke! Later, my mom noticed it was acting funny, but she never found out that we'd broken it!"

baker's do(h!)zen

"I wanted to bake cupcakes for my friend's birthday and bring them to school, and I spent hours decorating them the night before. Right when I was getting ready to cover them, the cupcake tray fell off the counter. I didn't want to make a new batch, so I just picked them up from the floor and cleaned them off. Everyone ate them!"

JERK-Y MOVE

"One time, my aunt brought over some dog treats and I put some in a Ziploc bag for my dog. I forgot to write 'dog treats' on it, and the next day my best friend, who happens to like beef jerky, came over. She took one of the dog treats out of the Ziploc bag and started chewing it. I never told her what was really in that bag!"

20% of CosmoGIRLs admit to not shaving their legs for the entire winter!

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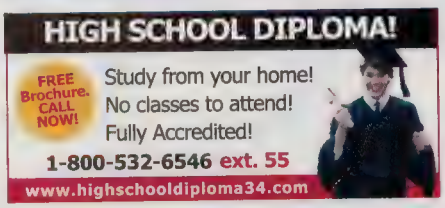

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window watchers

"Last New Year's Eve, a new guy I'd started dating called me and asked if he could wish me a happy New Year in person. I was so excited, but my family always celebrates the holiday by hosting a huge dinner with all of my relatives, and I had to be there. I thought I could slip outside for a few minutes, so I told him to stop by. When he got to my house, he parked his car across the street, and we shared a New Year's kiss under the stars. It was so romantic—until I looked up and saw both my mom and dad staring out the window at us! As if that weren't embarrassing enough, my mom stuck her head out of the window and yelled, 'Put on a jacket or you're going to get sick!' It was *beyond* embarrassing."

CAUGHT read-handed

"One Christmas, I gave my cousin a snowman book that I'd received a few years before but never read. He was so excited when he opened it, but everyone else in the room started laughing. It turns out that my aunt was the one who'd given me the book. Even worse, my name was written on the inside!"

mannequin down

"My friend and I were out shopping for Hanukkah gifts in a cool boutique, and I was wearing a pair of shoes that were a little too big for me. We were browsing around the store when I tripped over my own feet because of the shoes and knocked over one of the store's mannequins! To make matters worse, that mannequin hit another one next to it in the display—it triggered a domino effect, and all of the mannequins toppled over! The boutique clerks were really nice about it, but it was still the most mortifying moment of my life!"

Hayden kicks off the holidays with *her* favorite hero—Santa!

sock it to 'em!

"My really close friend and I were exchanging Christmas gifts when her mom—who was in the room watching us—pulled a thin little package out from behind her back and handed it to me, saying, 'Here's a little something extra from your other mom.' I thought it was such a sweet thing for her to do! As I reached for the gift, I said, 'I hope it's not socks!' I said it as a joke because socks are such a common, motherly gift. But I noticed that her eyes got really wide, and she looked away uncomfortably. Confused, I opened the gift—and found a really cute pair of toe socks inside! I felt so bad. I had insulted my friend's mom over a gift that I actually really liked!"

Holiday tales that will make you blush till spring!

karmic crash

"I got a brand new car for Christmas my junior year of high school, and I was super psyched for everyone at school to see me driving around in it. I couldn't help but brag about it to my friends for the entire break. I kept telling them to watch out for me in the parking lot on our first day back at school. I couldn't wait! When that day finally came, I was so excited. But there happened to be a lot of snow and ice on the ground, and as I pulled into the school parking lot, my car ended up skidding on the ice and going up on the curb—crashing straight into the school sign. I couldn't believe it! Everyone definitely noticed me and my car that morning, but not exactly in the way that I'd hoped they would!"

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cg! fun: horoscopes by lexa

PREDICTIONS FOR Dec. '07

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 22–DECEMBER 21)
Remember those idealistic and impossible dreams from your childhood? Indulge yourself—let your imagination run wild with possibilities for the future. The stars indicate that one dream could actually come true—very soon!
LOVE: **Finally, you have time for a date with your crush—and what a perfect and dreamy date it will be. This is the beginning of a long and steady romance.**
SHOP DATES: 10, 12–14, 18, 20

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 19–MARCH 20)
Your friends are dying to know more about this new guy you're dating, but you're not quite ready to dish the dirt. They're persistent, so you'll have to use your creativity to keep them off your trail. Homemade cookies might do the trick!
LOVE: **The cutie you've been hanging with is crazy for you. It's exciting and you'll find there's real trust between the two of you. Let yourself be vulnerable with him.**
SHOP DATES: 11, 18–20, 24, 26

GEMINI
(MAY 21–JUNE 21)
Looking for cash? Your parents are willing to increase your allowance if you help out more around the house. Go for it—you'll also be able to lay claim to quite a bit of spare change between the sofa cushions while you're cleaning up!
LOVE: **It's great to be with a crush who also feels like a best friend. You share the good times, the bad, and the in-between—you are building a love to last.**
SHOP DATES: 4–6, 17, 23–25,

VIRGO
(AUGUST 23–SEPTEMBER 22)
A weekend trip with Mom takes the edge off the holiday madness. You'll bond and have an adventure together. The closeness makes you want to create a deeper connection with the men in your family too. So reach out and share the love!
LOVE: **The preholiday bustle distracts you from your relationship, but by the 23rd you'll be cozy with your cutie again. Get psyched for a romantic New Year's Eve.**
SHOP DATES: 3, 4, 12–14, 23

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 22–JANUARY 19)
You've got the power to spread peace and love this holiday season. Have heart-to-heart talks with your friends and family—let them know how much you care. You'll make them feel appreciated and soften a few hard feelings.
LOVE: **An old flame returns and you find you're glad to see him and want to try again. You've both matured, so things will be different this time if you go for it.**
SHOP DATES: 6, 14–16, 21, 22

ARIES
(MARCH 21–APRIL 19)
Travel plans or an upcoming move may help you solidify some college or job opportunities you've been stressing about this semester. Don't worry—your travels are blessed by the stars. Everything will work out perfectly.
LOVE: **It's time to talk with your parents about this guy, because it's getting serious. Sure, you're nervous, but once they get to know him, they'll love him too!**
SHOP DATES: 6, 7, 20, 21, 26, 27

CANCER
(JUNE 22–JULY 22)
Everyone knows how sensitive you are, and this month you might be feeling a little more tenderhearted than usual. Ride the waves of your up-and-down feelings by getting plenty of sunshine and exercise—you'll come out on top!
LOVE: **Your M.O. is to dismiss crushes with the snap of your manicured fingers. That is, until one day soon when you discover a hottie you want to stick around.**
SHOP DATES: 2, 7, 8, 19, 26–28

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 23–OCTOBER 22)
One of your parents just got a promotion or a bonus and will treat you to a new gadget, like the iPhone you've been eyeing. You also get outstanding grades on all your exams because of your hard work. It's good to be you!
LOVE: **Lots of people will flirt with you and your honey at holiday parties. You're both so cute! It's cool—just talk first to be sure you only have eyes for each other.**
SHOP DATES: 5–7, 14, 15, 26

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 20–FEBRUARY 18)
Your mind is razor sharp—you're going to ace your final exams. Extend a helping hand to those friends who are not so confident. They'll be grateful for your expertise, and you'll be proud of yourself for going above and beyond.
LOVE: **It's great that your sweetie wants to change the world as much as you do. You'll bond by volunteering for a worthy cause. This love is grounded and strong.**
SHOP DATES: 8, 16–18, 22, 23

TAURUS
(APRIL 20–MAY 20)
There's a lucky star hovering over your head, and it's attracting choice gifts, the right party invitations, and some cool new friends to hang out with this holiday season. Take advantage of this fortunate vibration—you deserve it!
LOVE: **So many cuties have crushes on you, but you'll play it cool until a special someone catches your eye. There's something irresistible about this one.**
SHOP DATES: 2–4, 15, 22, 23

LEO
(JULY 23–AUGUST 22)
Your little sibling or the kid you babysit won't get on your nerves this month—in fact, they will inspire your creativity! You'll actually enjoy hanging with them. It's fun to look at life from a kid's point of view.
LOVE: **Romance is in the air, but you're not in any hurry to hook up. A relationship seems too intense for you now, but boy oh boy, do you enjoy the chase!**
SHOP DATES: 2, 9, 21, 22, 29

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 23–NOVEMBER 21)
Cash is flowing—so you're looking good for your holiday shopping trip. You'll come up with clever ways to get bargains on really cool gifts for your friends and family, which will help you spread joy *and* maintain your fat piggy bank.
LOVE: **You're on a fun dating spree, but it's over quickly when one persistent cutie snags your attention. Hey, a relationship is a great way to start the new year!**
SHOP DATES: 1, 8, 9, 15–17

happy birthday, sagittarius girl!

You're one part Lara Croft (daring and adventurous) and the other part Tracy Turnblad—sparkly, fun, and the life of the party! On top of this exciting mix, you're a great friend and you've got this huge desire to learn more and give your personal best. You rock, girl!
Cool Sagittarians: JoJo, Raven Symoné, Nelly Furtado, Aaron Carter, Jay-Z

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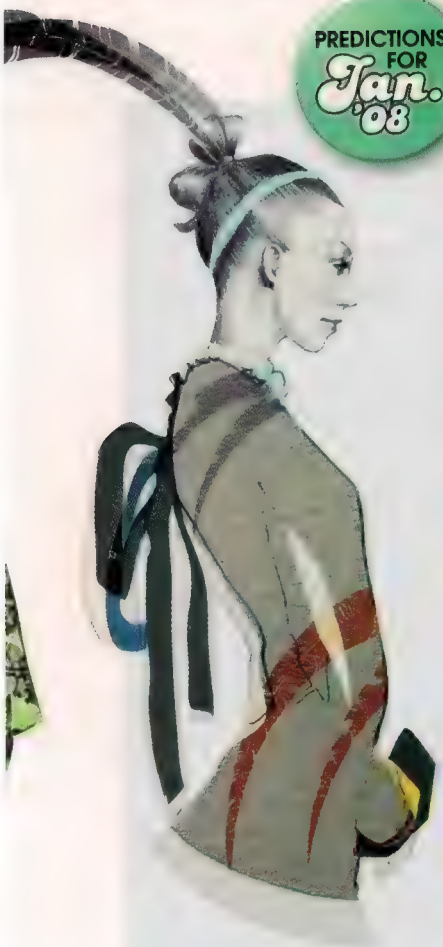

happy birthday, capricorn girl!

You're prepared to work as hard as you can to get to the top—and that drive makes you one of the most admired girls in the room. Your powerful spiritual and mystical side is what grounds you and gives you the clarity necessary to scale the heights of those impossible mountains. Star Capricorns: Kristin Cavallari, Chris Daughtry, Sean Paul

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 22–JANUARY 19)

Friends look to you for help because you are super-focused and ahead of the game. Take time out to help them learn how to change a tire, work a new cell phone, or practice Spanish. Your expertise wins you R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

FITNESS FORECAST: **You've already got beautiful bone structure—strong and elegant. So work on your flexibility: Enroll in a yoga class to get a good stretch.**

STAR DATES: 2, 3, 7, 8, 16

ARIES
(MARCH 21–APRIL 19)

Your dad may be old-fashioned, but right now you're totally into hanging out with him. You'll compare favorite films and music—and you'll find things you both love. It's great seeing your dad in a whole new light.

FITNESS FORECAST: **You are energetic, athletic, and quick. Bike racing, speed walking, and 50-yard dashes get your heart rate moving the way you like.**

STAR DATES: 10, 13, 14, 22, 23

CANCER
(JUNE 22–JULY 22)

Relationships come into focus in the new year—that includes friends, love, and work. These unions will be in your life for the long run and help determine your level of success. So be discriminating and choose carefully.

FITNESS FORECAST: Work out with a friend at your house or hers. The familiar surroundings will keep you motivated when the workout gets tough.

STAR DATES: 2, 3, 16, 20, 21

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 23–OCTOBER 22)

The parties are over, and you and your friends are bored. Take matters into your own hands—find inexpensive ways to create fun and excitement. Your friends are counting on you—and your ingenuity and creativity—to lead the way!

FITNESS FORECAST: **It's love that motivates you to get in shape. You'll do some extra cardio on the stair machine at the gym because you like who's hanging out there!**

STAR DATES: 9, 10, 22, 26–28

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 20–FEBRUARY 18)

Revisit old projects and ideas that you never completed. Now is the time to sew up loose ends. It's also a great moment to begin thinking about your next great adventure—you're capable of some brilliant planning right now.

FITNESS FORECAST: **You're a team player, so take up soccer or volleyball. But try playing different positions to mix it up—that way, you won't get bored.**

STAR DATES: 4, 5, 9, 10, 18

TAURUS
(APRIL 20–MAY 20)

Your chances of getting a scholarship or low-interest student loan are great right now. People see a lot of potential in you and are eager to invest both time and money in your success. Be sure to go to events and apply everywhere.

FITNESS FORECAST: Distance running or hiking helps you get in shape. Why? Because you're earthy and steady and you love feeling the sun on your face.

STAR DATES: 12, 15, 17, 25

LEO
(JULY 23–AUGUST 22)

Get all your chores, tasks, and school assignments out of the way now. After the 21st you'll only want to play with a special someone from the past. Take it slow, but forge ahead—this time things will work out much better.

FITNESS FORECAST: **You love to be the center of attention. So wear workout clothes with a dramatic flair (leopard print!) to make sure every eye is on you.**

STAR DATES: 4, 5, 18, 22, 23

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 23–NOVEMBER 21)

There are distractions all around you—construction workers at home, loud neighbors, noisy classmates. Tune out the racket with sounds of your own. Load up your iPod with your favorite songs to stay focused and happy.

FITNESS FORECAST: You need a subtle workout, like belly dancing. You will get muscle tone, but mostly you'll love learning about the culture of the dance.

STAR DATES: 1–3, 12, 23, 29, 30

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 19–MARCH 20)

The presidential election gets you interested in politics. Maybe you'll volunteer to support your favorite candidate. Or maybe you'll decide to take a politics class. Either way, you're starting to prepare for your own run for class office next year.

FITNESS FORECAST: Ballet, hip-hop, Lindy Hop—it doesn't matter, because you are the dancer of the zodiac and can do it all. Let your feet lead you to your dream body.

STAR DATES: 8, 11, 12, 20

GEMINI
(MAY 21–JUNE 21)

Your mind is overflowing with all kinds of far-out fantasies. But don't get lost daydreaming about the future—do something today! Why not share your poetry or short stories on your Facebook page? By the 20th, you'll get great feedback.

FITNESS FORECAST: **You need a fun, energetic workout to release all the energy stored in your body. How about kickboxing…or rappelling down a mountain?**

STAR DATES: 14, 18, 19, 27, 28

VIRGO
(AUGUST 23–SEPTEMBER 22)

You want to redecorate your room from top to bottom. That's great, but it could be time-consuming. Recruit friends to bring the pizza and help—it will be much more fun than doing it alone. And one friend has spectacular ideas.

FITNESS FORECAST: You need a slow and focused workout like Pilates to get in shape because it matches your methodical mind. You'll get the results you want.

STAR DATES: 8, 9, 20, 24, 25

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 22–DECEMBER 21)

Love is in the air, and you're irresistible right now. Go after the one you want—he won't be able to take his eyes off of you. Your money situation improves too. But don't rush out and spend it all—it's still very important to save!

FITNESS FORECAST: **Your thighs and legs are probably already toned. So work on building your upper body. Rowing, weight lifting, or push-ups will do the trick.**

STAR DATES: 4, 5, 13, 27, 31

Project 2024 Internship Application

Get paid to do your dream job this summer! APPLY NOW!

1. Fill in the blanks:

Name: _____

School: _____

Permanent address: _____

Permanent phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell phone: _____

Year in school (as of spring 2008): _____

Estimated graduation date: _____

Major: _____

Minor: _____

Extracurricular activities in 2007: _____

_____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Social Security number: _____

2. Check the internship you want:*

❑ **Advertising**—Saatchi & Saatchi

❑ **Environmental Activism**—Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

❑ **Finance**—Merrill Lynch

❑ **Government**—Office of New York Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney

❑ **International Affairs**—United Nations Association

❑ **Law**—Office of New York State Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo

❑ **Music**—J Records

❑ **Sports**—National Basketball Association (NBA)

3. Attach these things:

(a) Your one-page résumé.
(b) Two typed letters of reference—one from a current teacher and the other from a work supervisor. (If you haven't had a job, a letter from another teacher or from an adult who knows you well is fine. No relatives, please!)

4. Answer the following essay question in 300 words or less:

Where do you see yourself in the year 2024, and how will becoming a Project 2024 intern help you achieve your goal?

5. Send the complete package to:

CosmoGIRL! Project 2024 Summer Internship 2008, 300 West 57th Street, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10019

The deadline for all applications is February 27, 2008. For legal reasons, you must be 18 by June 1, 2008, to apply. For the Merrill Lynch and NBA internships, you must also have completed two years of college by summer 2008. If you are selected, proof of age will be required. Finalists will be interviewed via telephone by CosmoGIRL! and participating companies. Interns will be paid either $8 per hour, or in the case of Saatchi & Saatchi and NBA, the usual company wage. See rules at right for details. Due to the large number of submissions, we can only contact you if you are selected.

*Internships subject to change. Check **cosmogirl.com/2024** for updates.

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LIVE IT UP SWEEPSTAKES (pages 10, 22). NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. Sponsored by Hearst Communications, Inc. Go to **cash.cosmogirl.com** and complete and submit the entry form pursuant to the onscreen instructions. Beginning June 25, 2007, at 12:01 a.m. ET through December 31, 2007, at 11:59 p.m. ET. One (1) Grand Prize Winner will win $250,000. Odds of winning will depend upon the total number of eligible entries received. Must be 16 years or older and a resident of the 50 United States or District of Columbia. Void in Puerto Rico and where prohibited by law. Sweepstakes subject to complete official rules available at **cash.cosmogirl.com**.

HOW TO WIN THE CALENDAR SWEEPSTAKES (page 26): In our Win It! Calendar, one new Win It! prize will be given away every day. Look at the December/January calendars on page 26 to get the daily code words you'll need to enter. To receive the code words via e-mail instead of from the magazine, sign up for **cosmogirl.com**'s Win Today Alert by completing the form at **cosmogirl.com/newsletters**. The code words needed to enter the daily Calendar Win It!s and monthly Grand Prizes will be sent to your inbox. Valid e-mail address required for receipt. To enter, complete and submit the entry form at **cosmogirl.com/freestuff**. Each day's entries begin at 12:00 a.m. ET and end at 11:59 p.m. ET. Winners of our daily Calendar Win It!s will be posted on **cosmogirl.com/winners** every weekday at noon (for the previous day's Win It!); weekend winners will be posted on Mondays. You may enter the sweepstakes one time per day during each Win It!'s 24-hour time frame (based on Eastern Time). To win the Grand Prize for December, a dress from Betsey Johnson [approximate retail value (ARV): $350], and for January, a snowboard, bindings, and boots from Salomon (ARV: $850 for the package), you must first enter to win a daily Calendar Win It! in the December and January calendars, respectively. You can enter to win the Grand Prize every day you enter to win the daily prize in December and January. (By entering the daily Win It!, you are automatically entering to win the Grand Prize for that month.) The Grand Prize winners will be notified on or about February 6, 2008. For winners' names, go to **cosmogirl.com/winners** after February 6, 2008. Sweepstakes subject to complete official rules available at **cosmogirl.com/rules**.

HOW TO ENTER THE ASHLEE SIMPSON SWEEPSTAKES (page 28): Complete and submit the online entry form at **cosmogirl.com/freestuff** beginning at midnight ET November 15, 2007, through 11:59 p.m. ET December 31, 2007. One CGI will win a T-shirt signed by Ashlee Simpson (ARV: $100). Sweepstakes subject to complete official rules available at **cosmogirl.com/rules**.

HOW TO ENTER THE HOLIDAY SURVIVAL SWEEPSTAKES (page 148): Complete and submit the online entry form at **cosmogirl.com/freestuff** beginning at midnight ET November 15, 2007, through 11:59 p.m. ET December 31, 2007. Five CGIs will win three games: TableTopics (ARV: $24); Would You Rather...? (ARV: $30); and Fortune Cookie Questions (ARV: $35). Total ARV: $89. Sweepstakes subject to complete official rules available at **cosmogirl.com/rules**.

HOW TO ENTER THE FIRSTS SWEEPSTAKES (page 152): Complete and submit the online entry form at **cosmogirl.com/freestuff** beginning at midnight ET November 15, 2007, through 11:59 p.m. ET December 31, 2007. Twenty CGIs will win a copy of *Guyaholic* by Carolyn Mackler (ARV: $17). Sweepstakes subject to complete official rules available at **cosmogirl.com/rules**.

USE SHOPTEXT TO WIN!
This month you can enter to win our special ShopText Win It!s that appear in our gift guide. Text the BLUE code word to 467467. See BLUE box above for instructions.

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(5) winners will receive Slatkin & Co. Jingle Bell Scented Candles from Bath & Body Works (ARV: $24). Code: **JINGLE**
(5) winners will receive a pink and navy striped bracelet from iCare by High IntenCity (ARV: $14). Code: **STRIPE**
(5) winners will receive solid perfumes from CrazyLibellule and the Poppies (ARV: $16). Code: **POP**
(5) winners will receive an AE Better World scarf from American Outfitters (ARV: $20). Code: **SCARF**
(5) winners will receive a Quad massager from HoMedics (ARV: $10). Code: **MASSAGE**
(5) winners will receive a Stella Eau de Parfum Roll-On fragrance from YSL Beauté (ARV: $15). Code: **STELLA**
(5) winners will receive a Convertible Charm Necklace from Mark (ARV: $18). Code: **CHARM**
(5) winners will receive boy shorts in lollipop packaging from Juicy Couture (ARV: $18). Code: **JUICY**
(5) winners will receive a Little Black Book Plush Toy from D.O.G. Pet Boutique (ARV: $12). Code: **DOGS**

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(5) winners will receive a Self Sanctuary Mini Shower Washes Gift Set (ARV: $9). Code: **MARK**
(5) winners will receive a pair of gray monkey boxers from Gap (ARV: $13). Code: **GAP**
(5) winners will receive Victoria's Secret Beauty Rush Body Glimmer Swirl Creams (ARV: $12). Code: **GLIMMER**
(5) winners will receive printed journals from Dauphine Press (ARV :$12). Code: **JOURNAL**
(5) winners will receive a Deerly-Lou deer key cap from Sanrio (ARV: $5). Code: **DEER**
(5) winners will receive a black coin purse from Femme Sud (ARV: $15). Code: **COINS**
(5) winners will receive mini doll key chains from Karmaloop.com (ARV: $9). Code: **DOLLS**

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(5) winners will receive a pair of pink HoMedics massage slippers (ARV: $20). Code: **SLIPPERS**

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(5) winners will receive a We Wish You Wealth palette from Tarte (ARV: $52). Code: **TARTE**
(5) winners will receive a pink ID and key holder from Victoria's Secret Pink (ARV: $25). Code: **PINK**
(5) winners will receive a Monopoly game from Juicy Couture (ARV: $58). Code: **GAME**
(5) winners will receive a purple leather bag from Jill Stuart (ARV: $275). Code: **JILL**

ShopText to win a ton of great stuff from our gift guide! See page 128!

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1. Text the code word in blue (see below) to **467467**.
2. If you are not registered with ShopText, you will be asked for your home phone number so ShopText can locate your address.
3. If you do not have a home phone number, you will be asked for your zip code and address or sent to **shoptext.com** to register.
4. Once you have completed your one-time registration, you can enter as many sweepstakes as you want by simply sending the code word to **467467**.

It's that easy, CosmoGIRL! Now grab your cell phone and start entering to win!

(5) winners will receive a jeweled heart necklace from Tarina Tarantino (ARV: $275). Code: **HEART**
(5) winners will receive a gray snowflake sweater from Le Tigre (ARV: $78). Code: **SNOW**
(5) winners will receive a Paris photo book from Assouline (ARV: $50). Code: **PARIS**

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(5) winners will receive a pink and black thermal top from Primp (ARV: $88). Code: **PRIMP**
(5) winners will receive an Homme Gift Set with eau de toilette, shower gel, and aftershave from Fruits & Passions (ARV: $38). Code: **HOMME**
(5) winners will receive a multi-usage makeup palette from YSL (ARV: $67). Code: **PAL**

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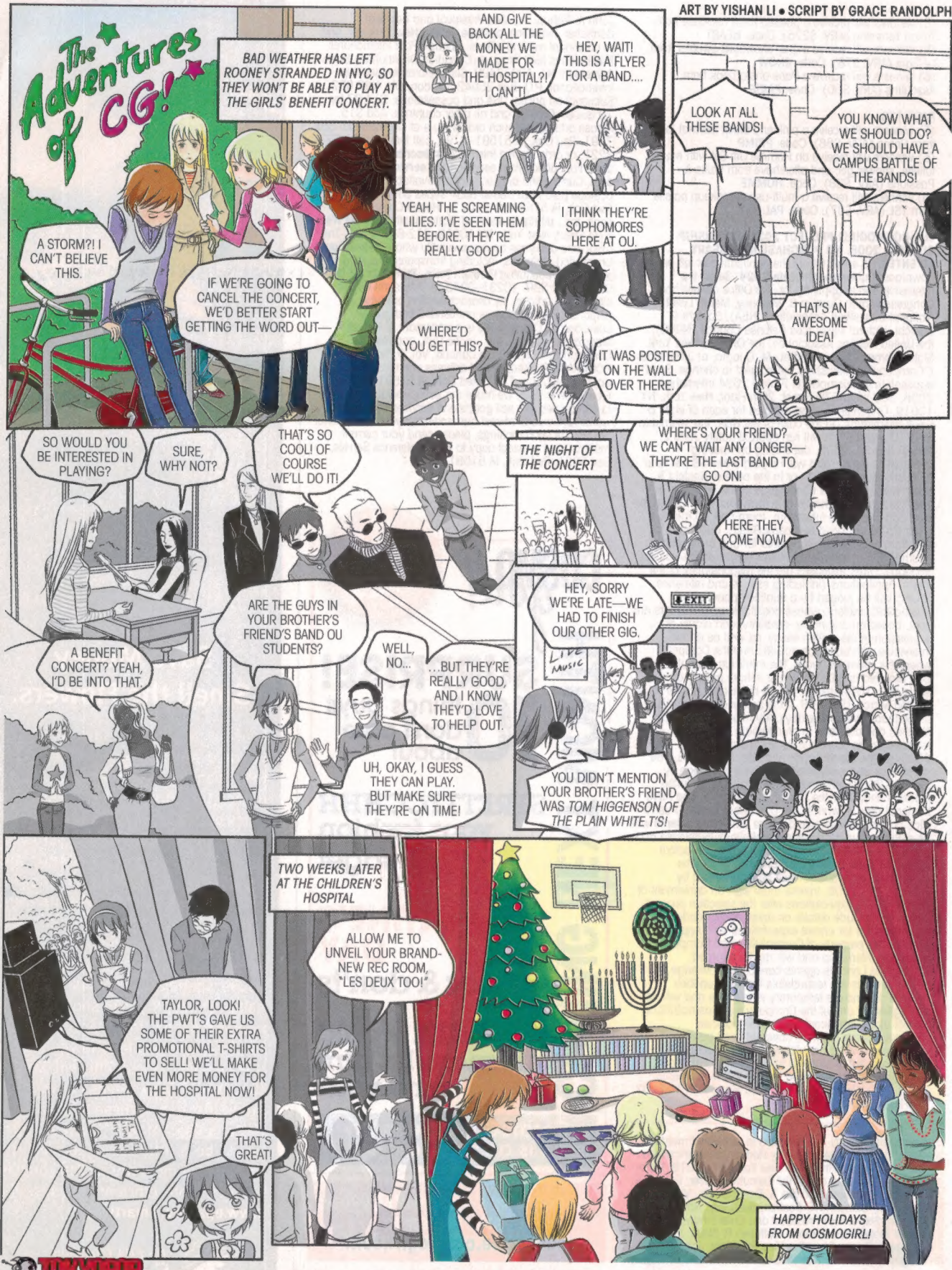
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BAD WEATHER HAS LEFT ROONEY STRANDED IN NYC, SO THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO PLAY AT THE GIRLS' BENEFIT CONCERT.
A STORM?! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.
IF WE'RE GOING TO CANCEL THE CONCERT, WE'D BETTER START GETTING THE WORD OUT—
ART BY YISHAN LI • SCRIPT BY GRACE RANDOLPH
AND GIVE BACK ALL THE MONEY WE MADE FOR THE HOSPITAL?! I CAN'T!
HEY, WAIT! THIS IS A FLYER FOR A BAND....
LOOK AT ALL THESE BANDS!
YOU KNOW WHAT WE SHOULD DO? WE SHOULD HAVE A CAMPUS BATTLE OF THE BANDS!
YEAH, THE SCREAMING LILIES. I'VE SEEN THEM BEFORE. THEY'RE REALLY GOOD!
I THINK THEY'RE SOPHOMORES HERE AT OU.
WHERE'D YOU GET THIS?
IT WAS POSTED ON THE WALL OVER THERE.
THAT'S AN AWESOME IDEA!
SO WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN PLAYING?
SURE, WHY NOT?
THAT'S SO COOL! OF COURSE WE'LL DO IT!
THE NIGHT OF THE CONCERT
WHERE'S YOUR FRIEND? WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER—THEY'RE THE LAST BAND TO GO ON!
HERE THEY COME NOW!
A BENEFIT CONCERT? YEAH, I'D BE INTO THAT.
ARE THE GUYS IN YOUR BROTHER'S FRIEND'S BAND OU STUDENTS?
WELL, NO...
...BUT THEY'RE REALLY GOOD, AND I KNOW THEY'D LOVE TO HELP OUT.
UH, OKAY, I GUESS THEY CAN PLAY. BUT MAKE SURE THEY'RE ON TIME!
HEY, SORRY WE'RE LATE—WE HAD TO FINISH OUR OTHER GIG.
EXIT
LIVE MUSIC
YOU DIDN'T MENTION YOUR BROTHER'S FRIEND WAS TOM HIGGENSON OF THE PLAIN WHITE T'S!
TWO WEEKS LATER AT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
ALLOW ME TO UNVEIL YOUR BRAND-NEW REC ROOM, "LES DEUX TOO!"
TAYLOR, LOOK! THE PWT'S GAVE US SOME OF THEIR EXTRA PROMOTIONAL T-SHIRTS TO SELL! WE'LL MAKE EVEN MORE MONEY FOR THE HOSPITAL NOW!
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